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Prince Harry has been serving in Afghanistan.

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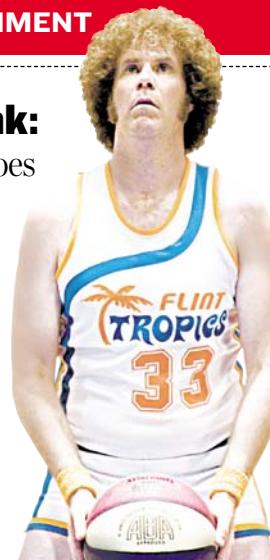


### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Slam Dunk:

Will Ferrell does that thing we can't resist in 'Semi-Pro.' Plus, sex, lies and rivalry in 'The Other Boleyn Girl.'

>> **18-27**



## Sleek New Air Terminal to Open in Beijing



**LET THE GAMES BEGIN:** Workers make final preparations in the sleek new terminal at the Beijing Capital International Airport on Thursday. The multi-billion-dollar Terminal 3 — a key centerpiece for the upcoming Summer Olympics in the Chinese capital — is scheduled to open its doors on Friday.

## 1/100th of U.S. Now in Prison

**Study:** Country's incarceration level hits an all-time high

**NEW YORK** | For the first time, more than one of every 100 U.S. adults is in jail or prison, according to a new report documenting America's rank as the world's No. 1 incarcerator. It urges states to curtail corrections spending by placing fewer low-risk offenders behind bars.

Using state-by-state data, the report says 2,319,258 Americans were in jail or prison at the start of 2008 — one out of every 99.1 adults. Whether per capita or in raw numbers, it's more than any other nation.

The report, released Thursday by the Pew Center on the States, said the 50 states spent more than \$49 billion on corrections last year, up from less than \$11 billion 20 years earlier. The rate of increase for prison costs was six times greater than for higher education spending, the report said.

The steadily growing inmate population "is saddling cash-strapped states with soaring costs they can ill afford and failing to have a clear impact either on recidivism or overall

crime," the report said.

The report cited Kansas and Texas as states that have acted decisively to slow the growth of their inmate population. They are making greater use of community supervision for low-risk offenders and employing sanctions other than reimprisonment for offenders who commit technical violations of parole and probation rules.

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**The percentage**  
**Kentucky's prison population grew in the past year, the highest in the U.S.**

DAVID CRARY (AP)

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DO YOU THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR PRINCE HARRY TO SERVE IN AFGHANISTAN? **A** YES **B** NO

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SUNDAY  
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**TODAY:** Increasingly cloudy with periods of snow and rain at night | **38**



# eyeOpeners

## VALUES

## Family Bonds by Stalking Ne'er-Do-Well Teens

Fed up that his mailbox was smashed four times in two weeks, Greg Fisher of Hatley, Wis., set up a stakeout to catch the vandals. Four teens were caught after a high-speed chase. Fisher and son Dustin took watch at 2 a.m. Sunday. Shortly after, a pickup truck drove past and a man with a baseball bat whacked the mailbox. Dustin Fisher, 18, followed the truck for more than eight miles, sometimes reaching speeds of nearly 100 mph, before he got a partial license plate number. Greg Fisher and his wife drove through Hatley later and found the suspect's vehicle at a convenience store. (AP)

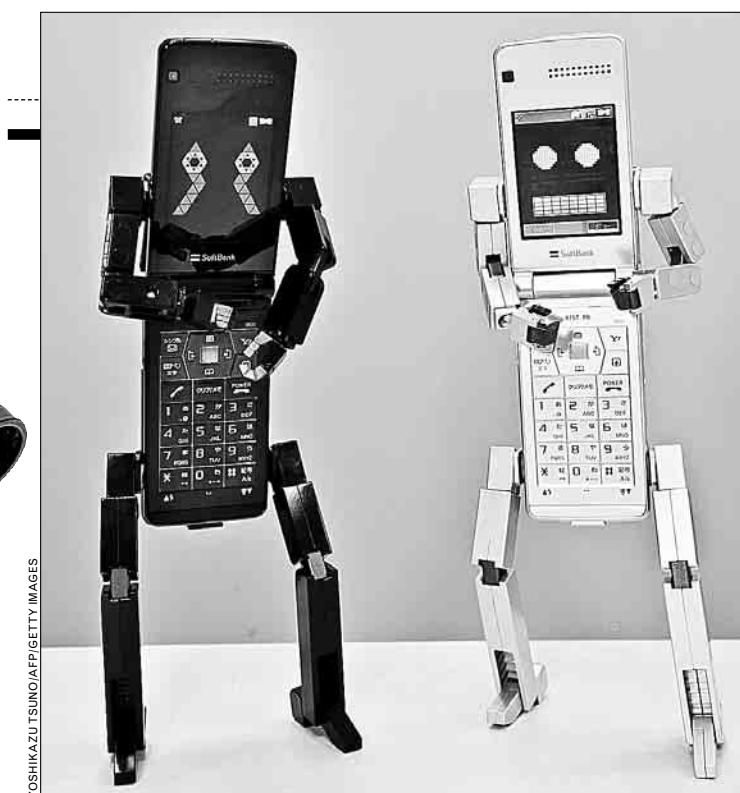


## PEACE

## No Crime While Lucky Outfit Is at Cleaners

Plaistow, N.H., police said the same man tried to rob the same bank, wearing the same clothes and telling employees the same thing on Tues-

day as he did two weeks ago. That time, the man got away with cash. On his second attempt, tellers refused to give him money, and he took off empty-handed, jumping into a black Chevrolet Avalanche. The man said he had a gun and demanded money both times. (AP)



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## RAMPAGES

## Running Is Faster But Not as Dignified

A Vancouver, Wash., man led police on a very slow-speed chase, refusing

to stop while riding a lawn mower at about 3 mph across a busy street and steering it toward an officer before he was grabbed and arrested. Police said the chase began late Monday afternoon after a man reported that

## ROBOTS

## Hello, Freaky

Toshiba's "Softbank 815T PB" (that's the "PhoneBraver" model in the photo), which will go on sale in April in Japan, make a lot more sense once you find out they're pegged to a television show about robot phones. Sadly, as with other TV tie-ins, we doubt these will have the capabilities of their on-screen counterparts. For example, these phones probably will not be able to intercept nuclear missiles, kill a man with their bare hands or sword-fight. (EXPRESS)

Stephen Ray Castor, 53, cursed at him, rode the mower through his fence gate and smashed a window with a lawn chair. Castor then drove the mower across a boulevard and down a city street. (AP)

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**DON'T PANIC:** More than 130 million households will get letters from the Internal Revenue Service beginning next week, and it's good news, not bad. The IRS letters will remind people to file a 2007 tax return so they will receive a rebate check as part of the economic stimulus plan.

## Nation

# Pelosi Asks For Grand Jury Probe

House speaker wants contempt charges for Bush aides considered

**WASHINGTON** | House Speaker Nancy Pelosi asked the Justice Department Thursday to open a grand jury investigation into whether President Bush's chief of staff and former counsel should be prosecuted for contempt of Congress.



Pelosi

Pelosi, D-Calif., demanded that the department pursue misdemeanor charges against former White House counsel

Harriet Miers for refusing to testify to Congress about the firings of federal prosecutors in 2006 and against chief of staff Josh Bolten for failing to turn over White House documents related to the dismissals.

She gave Attorney General Michael Mukasey one week to respond and said refusal to take the matter to a grand jury will result in the House's filing a civil lawsuit against the Bush administration.

The White House branded the request as "truly contemptible." The Justice Department had no immediate comment. (AP)

# FBI Opens Investigation of Clemens

Agency looking into whether the baseball star lied under oath

**WASHINGTON** | The FBI has begun investigating whether Roger Clemens lied to Congress when he denied taking performance-enhancing drugs.

FBI agents in Washington opened the case a little more than two weeks after Clemens and Brian McNamee, his former personal trainer, testified at a House

committee hearing Feb. 13, each accusing the other of lying.

"The request to open an investigation on the congressional testimony of Roger Clemens has been turned over to the FBI and will receive appropriate investigative action by the FBI's Washington field office," FBI spokeswoman Debra Weierman said Thursday.

The announcement came one day after two leaders of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee asked Attorney General Michael Mukasey to investigate



CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Roger Clemens is sworn in during a House committee hearing on Feb. 13.

Clemens. The probe could result in charges against Clemens of perjury, making false statements or obstruction of justice.

Clemens said under oath that he never used steroids or human growth hormone. McNamee said he injected Clemens with performance enhancers at least 16 times.

Two of Clemens' former teammates, Andy Pettitte and Chuck Knoblauch, have acknowledged that McNamee was correct when he said they used performance enhancers. LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)

### WAUKEGAN, ILL. | PLAZA EXPLOSION



LAURA WEISMAN/AP

**MIDDAY BLAST:** Firefighters battle a blaze at a hair salon after an explosion, possibly caused by a gas leak, ripped through a suburban Chicago shopping plaza on Thursday, injuring at least nine people. Two of the eight people taken to the hospital were in serious condition. The blast occurred around lunchtime and caused the roof of the plaza to collapse.

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## Nation

"Of course, that comment of mine was distorted. Life isn't fair, as Jack Kennedy said. I was talking about American presence after the war."

—John McCain, who says his remark about U.S. troops' staying in Iraq for 100 years has been distorted



# Clinton Campaign Raises \$35 Million

Obama rep says his camp has brought in 'considerably more'

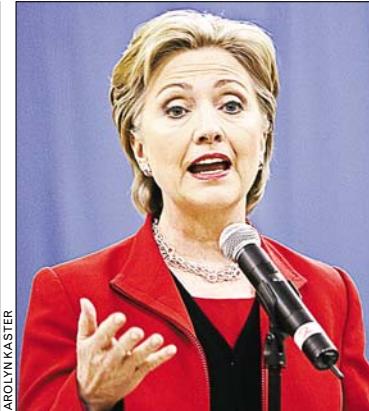
WASHINGTON | Rebounding from weak fundraising in January, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to raise \$35 million in February, a figure rival Sen. Barack Obama's campaign said it would surpass.

The \$35 million would be Clinton's biggest fundraising mark yet and represents a remarkable recovery for her campaign.

Obama's campaign reacted promptly, promising an even higher number, but divulging no totals.

"We've raised considerably more than that," Obama spokesman Bill Burton said.

Obama told reporters on his campaign plane, "I have no idea how much money we've raised, but we've been paying our bills. Right now, I believe we're doing very good."



Sen. Hillary Clinton rebounded from a weak fundraising month in January.

That would make February an astounding fundraising month for the Democrats. At that rate, both candidates would break records for contestants in a primary fight.

Clinton has been struggling to recover from weak fundraising in January. She raised nearly \$14 million in January to Obama's \$36 million. (AP)



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## TEXAS | TRAIL TALK IN THE SKIES



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**ECONOMIC FOCUS:** Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., talks to reporters before a campaign stop in Beaumont, Texas. Obama was talking about the economy on Thursday, which he said is "on the brink of a recession" because of economic policies espoused by President Bush and the likely Republican nominee, John McCain.

## Man Admits Bogus Terror Threats

NEWARK, N.J. | A former Wisconsin grocery clerk pleaded guilty Thursday to making bogus Internet postings warning of terrorist attacks against seven NFL stadiums in 2006.

Jake J. Brahm admitted he posted false information that so-called dirty bombs would be detonated at stadiums having games on Oct. 22, 2006.

Brahm admitted composing and

posting the threat about 40 times on a Web site. The message said bombs would be delivered by trucks and "the death toll will approach 100,000 from the initial blasts and countless other fatalities will later occur as a result from radioactive fallout." (AP)

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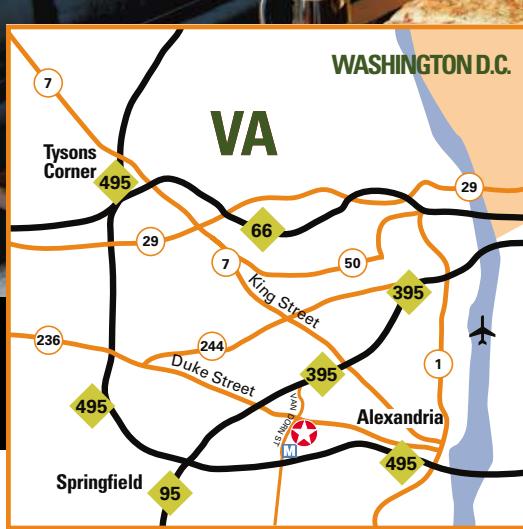
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## Nation



**MOCK THE VOTE:** Yamhill County in Oregon is testing a new voting system by mailing mock ballots with questions such as whether the U.S. should buy the Louisiana Territory or whether Paul Newman or Garth Brooks ought to be the national director of entertainment.

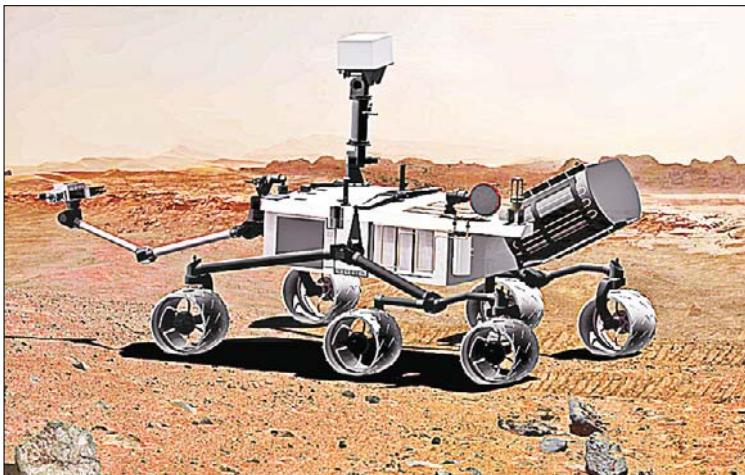
# Problems Could Delay Mars Rover

Development, budget issues put anticipated 2009 launch in doubt

LOS ANGELES | NASA's flagship mission to land a nuclear-powered, next-generation rover on Mars is facing development problems and ballooning costs that could threaten its scheduled launch next year.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin told a congressional hearing this month that engineers had to redesign the heat shield on the Mars Science Laboratory after tests showed the protective layer would not survive entry through the Martian atmosphere.

The extra work is expected to add \$20 million to \$30 million to the \$1.8 billion price tag, already \$165 million over budget.



This undated artist's rendering released by NASA shows the Mars Science Lab, a mobile robot meant for investigating the planet. It is scheduled to launch in 2009.

NASA is still aiming for a 2009 launch, but the space agency is also mulling alternative voyages in 2010 and 2011, Griffin told the House

Science and Technology Committee on Feb. 13.

"Things have gone along more slowly than we would like," Griff-

fin said.

Any delay of the Mars Science Lab would deal a major setback to NASA, which already had to push back a mission to send an atmospheric probe to the Red Planet because of an undisclosed conflict of interest in the purchasing process.

The Mars Science Lab will be the most advanced and expensive unmanned probe ever sent to the Martian surface. The 9-foot-long mobile robot is larger and can travel farther than the twin rovers Spirit and Opportunity, that are still alive four years after parachuting to opposite ends of Mars.

Data gleaned by the Mars Science Lab is expected to help prepare NASA for its long-term plans to fly humans to Mars after a return to the moon. ALICIA CHANG (AP)

## Bush: Economy Is Not Headed For a Recession

WASHINGTON | President Bush said Thursday the country is not recession-bound and, despite expressing concern about slowing economic growth, rejected for now any additional stimulus efforts. "We acted robustly," he said.

"We'll see the effects of this pro-growth package," Bush said, acknowledging that some lawmakers already are talking about a second stimulus package. "Why don't we let stimulus package one, which seemed like a good idea at the time, have a chance to kick in?"

The president's view of the economy is decidedly rosier than that of many economists. "I don't think we're headed to recession. But no question, we're in a slowdown." (AP)

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**EYE FOR EYE; TOOTH FOR EYE, TOO:** A 57-year-old blind Irishman had his vision restored through an offbeat operation, Agence France-Presse reported Thursday. The procedure involved doctors' inserting the man's son's tooth in his eye to create an artificial cornea.

## World

### In Brief

LONDON, ENGLAND

#### Government Disc Found In Computer Sold on eBay

An encrypted government disc has been found hidden in a computer sold on eBay — yet another loss of sensitive data in a series of such missteps that is alarming privacy advocates as Britain inches closer to requiring all citizens to carry ID cards. A customer brought the laptop to a computer shop on Monday asking to have it repaired. Technicians found the encrypted disc inside and called police. (AP)

#### OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO Protesters Set Fires To Demand Lower Prices

Smoke rose from Burkina Faso's capital late Thursday as protesters demanding lower food prices set fire to tires and buildings. Violence erupted in the early morning Thursday as protesters attacked government buildings with stones and iron bars. They made piles of tires and set them ablaze. No casualties have been reported. (AP)

KUSCE, KOSOVO

#### Dozens of Serb Officers Desert Kosovo Police Force

Dozens of Serb officers have deserted the Kosovo police force since the new state declared independence, snubbing ethnic Albanian leaders and shattering the only institution in which real cooperation existed between the ethnic groups. About 170 of the force's Serb 800 officers have either quit or not shown up for work since the Feb. 17 declaration, police officials said Thursday. Dozens of others have threatened to follow suit. (AP)

PARIS

#### Watchdog Group Calls for Financial Pressure on Iran

The U.S. and other members of an international watchdog group called Thursday for new financial pressure on Iran, saying its Islamic regime hasn't done enough to fight money laundering and terrorism financing. The Financial Action Task Force, in a statement from its annual meeting in Paris, pressed its 34 members to advise banks to monitor their dealings in Iran. (AP)

# Kenyan Rivals to Share Leadership

Odinga will become prime minister, work with President Kibaki

NAIROBI, KENYA | Kenya's feuding politicians shook hands, smiled for the cameras, and finally agreed to share power. But two months after a disputed presidential election unleashed ethnic violence that killed more than 1,000 people, the real test is whether the reluctant partners can heal a deeply divided nation.

Much depends on how President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga work together in the days ahead.

"For the last two months, Ken-



Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki, left, and opposition leader Raila Odinga, right, sign an agreement to share political power in Nairobi, Kenya, on Thursday. (AP)

yans have known nothing but sadness," said Odinga, who won a powerful prime minister's post in Thursday's agreement.

He referred to his rival as "my countryman, President Mwai Kibaki" — one clear sign of acceptance

#### Cautious Celebration

News of Kenya's power-sharing agreement was met with both excitement and skepticism by Kenyans. | **Today's A Section**

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after having denounced Kibaki's re-election as a sham.

Kibaki added: "This process has reminded us that as a nation there are more issues that unite than that divide us."

Under the agreement, the opposition leader will become prime minister and have the power to "coordinate and supervise" the government — more authority than Kibaki wanted to yield.

The bitterness between them runs deep, however, and both men have been lashing out at each other since the Dec. 27 election.

Kofi Annan, the mediator, had to prompt them to shake hands Thursday as the cameras rolled.

ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY (AP)



Israelis bury a man who was killed in a rocket attack Wednesday by Palestinian militants in Bitha, Israel, on Thursday. (AP)

# Israel Warns Hamas to Halt Attacks

Defense minister says Gaza invasion possible as Hamas strikes Israel

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | A bloody spike in Israel-Hamas fighting put the Israeli city of Ashkelon and its 110,000 residents at the center of an intensifying militant rocket barrage Thursday — and Israel's defense minister warned he would invade Gaza, if necessary, to halt

the attacks.

Israel sent what local media called a warning to Gaza's Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, killing 20 Palestinians in almost a dozen airstrikes, including an attack on a guard post outside Haniyeh's home. Hamas leaders have been in hiding in recent weeks, though Israel has so far only targeted militants, not Hamas politicians.

The dead Thursday included members of rocket squads, as well

as five children, ranging in age from 8 to 12. Their relatives said the children were playing soccer when they were killed in a missile strike.

Israel has been reluctant to invade Gaza, but Defense Minister Ehud Barak told his security chiefs Thursday that an offensive was possible. "The major ground operation is real and tangible. We are not afraid of it," Barak said, according to a participant in the closed meeting.

IBRAHIM BARZAK AND KARIN LAUB (AP)

# Pakistan Blast Kills Up to 12

Suspected militants slain in explosion near Afghanistan border

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, PAKISTAN | A pre-dawn explosion demolished a house in Pakistan's wild frontier zone on Thursday, killing up to 12 suspected militants, the military, intelligence officials and a local militant said.

The explosion "ripped through heavy explosives stored at a house" in a village in South Waziristan, a region bordering Afghanistan where militants linked to al-Qaeda and the Taliban operate, army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas told The Associated Press.

Abbas refused to confirm local media reports that the casualties were caused when a missile knocked down a militant hide-out.

"I don't have any such confirmation," he said, adding that 10 to 12 people died in the explosion. He would not say who the slain men were, or how many foreigners may have been present.

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# U.K.: Harry in Afghanistan

Prince, 23, is serving on front line in British army in lawless region

LONDON | The secret is out: Prince Harry has been serving on the front line with his British army unit in one of Afghanistan's most lawless and barren provinces.

Harry, 23, is the first royal to serve in a combat zone since his uncle Prince Andrew flew helicopters in Britain's war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands in 1982.

British officials had hoped to keep Harry's deployment secret until he had safely returned, but they released video of Harry serving in Helmand Province after a leak appeared on the U.S. Web site the Drudge Report.

The planned deployment had been disclosed to reporters, with no specific date but was not reported



Britain's Prince Harry stands atop a military vehicle in the Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan Feb. 18. Harry has been in Afghanistan since December 2007.

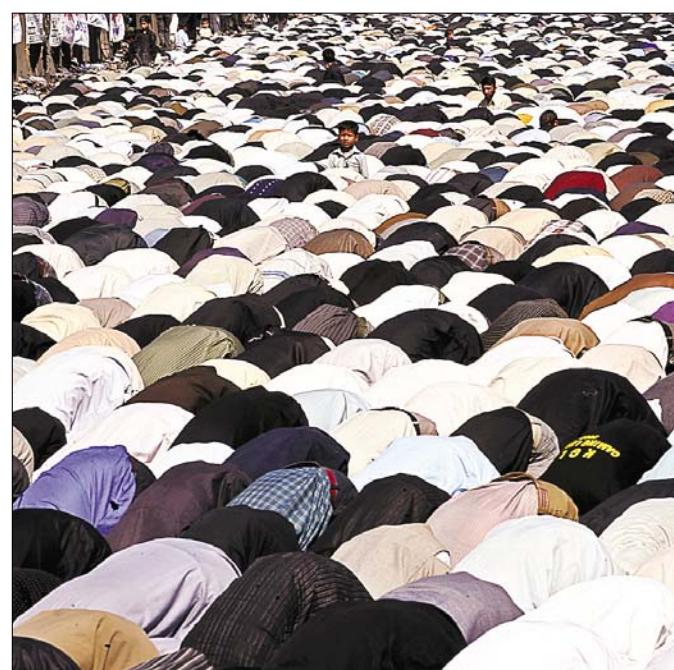
previously under a pool agreement between the Ministry of Defense and all major news organizations operating in Britain, including The Associated Press. The news blackout was intended to reduce the risk to the prince and his regiment.

Although he is still in Afghanistan, military chiefs are angry over the leak and are considering whether he should be moved. Tours to Afghanistan usually last six months, but Harry has served just 10 weeks. TARIQ PANJAG (AP)

## Royal Tour of Duty | Key Events in Harry's Deployment to Afghanistan

<b>Feb. 22, 2007</b>	<b>May 16, 2007</b>	<b>Dec. 12, 2007</b>	<b>Dec. 14, 2007</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2007</b>
Prince Charles announces that Harry will serve in Iraq.	Harry's deployment is canceled due to insurgents' threats.	British army chief decides to send Harry to Helmand.	Harry flies to Afghanistan and joins British forces.	Prince Harry oversees his first airstrike.

## KARACHI, PAKISTAN | SHIITE MUSLIMS PRAY



## Singapore Sorry For Escape of Terror Suspect

SINGAPORE | The Singapore government apologized Thursday for the security lapse that allowed a suspected Islamic terrorist leader to escape from jail, triggering a manhunt across this usually well-policed island nation.

Authorities said Mas Selamat Kastari, 47, who once allegedly plotted to hijack a plane and crash it into Singapore's international airport, slipped away Wednesday. He is said to be commander of the Singapore arm of Jemaah Islamiyah, a Southeast Asian extremist group allied with al-Qaeda.

Minister of Home Affairs Wong Kan Seng said Mas Selamat escaped after being taken from his cell to go to a room for a scheduled visit with his family. GILLIAN WONG (AP)

**HOLY DAY:** Pakistani Shiite Muslims pray during a religious gathering on Thursday. Shiite Muslims ended a 40-day mourning period following the anniversary of the seventh-century death of religious figure Imam Hussein.

## World

# Thailand's Ex-PM Thaksin Returns

Deposed leader ends 17 months of exile, is welcomed by crowds

BANGKOK, THAILAND | Deposed Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's homecoming Thursday was a triumphant return to the center of Thai politics despite the military's efforts to eradicate his legacy.

Thaksin, who was ousted in a September 2006 coup, received a hero's welcome from thousands of supporters when he landed at Bangkok's international airport to end 17 months of exile.

Although he faces corruption charges and has promised to stay away from politics, critics fear his return is a calculated step toward regaining power. His path back started with the victory of the pro-Thaksin People's Power Party in December elections — the first since the coup.

Cabinet members from the People's Power Party are expected to defer to the former leader, undermining the authority of Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej. Hours after Thaksin arrived from Hong Kong,



Supporters of Thaksin Shinawatra await his arrival in Bangkok Thursday.

the finance minister announced that the government would consult him for economic advice.

After arriving, Thaksin, 58, was escorted by police to the Supreme Court. He and his wife, Pojaman, face charges of corruption in connection with her purchase of a prime piece of Bangkok real estate in 2003, while he was prime minister.

He was swiftly released on bail. A trial was set for March 12.

DENIS D. GRAY (AP)

## BEIJING | CITY EXPANDS ITS SUBWAY SYSTEM



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**BEEN WORKING ON THE RAILROAD:** A worker stands inside a new subway station on Thursday. Eleven subway or aboveground rail lines will be built this year in Beijing; two will be completed before the Olympics in August.

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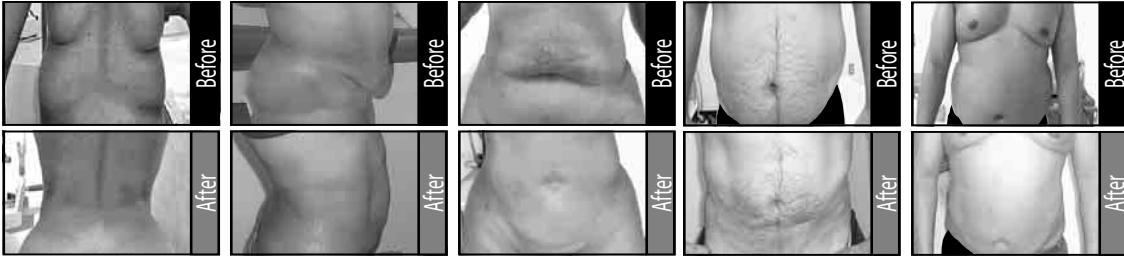
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# Money

## Official Slams Home Plans

Paulson: Mortgage proposals would do more harm than good

WASHINGTON | Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Thursday that many proposals being put forward to deal with the housing slump would do more harm than good.

While he still believes that the housing problem remains the biggest downside risk to the economy, Paulson said the issue needed to be put in perspective. He said 93 percent of all mortgages are being paid on time and that less than 2 percent are in foreclosure.

"So, while some in Washington are proposing big interventions, most of the proposals I've seen would do more harm than good," the secretary said in remarks prepared for delivery Thursday night before the Economic Club of Chicago.



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said he is "not interested in bailing out investors, lenders and speculators" who have been harmed by the mortgage crisis.

"I'm not interested in bailing out investors, lenders and speculators," Paulson said. "I'm focused on solutions targeted at struggling homeowners who want to keep their homes."

Paulson's comments represented the strongest administration objection lodged so far to a variety of proposals being pushed by Democrats in Congress to do more to help.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

## Sprint Nextel Records Huge Loss

KANSAS CITY, MO. | Sprint Nextel Corp. showed more signs Thursday that its recovery will be long and painful as it recorded a massive fourth-quarter loss of \$29.5 billion, predicted continued customer weakness and pulled the

plug on paying dividends.

Sprint Nextel said it lost \$10.36 per share during the quarter ending Dec. 31. Company shares closed down 86 cents, or 9.6 percent, to \$8.09.

The company said last month it

would likely have to write off most of the remaining \$30.7 billion in non-cash goodwill value from the acquisition of Nextel. Sprint Nextel has struggled since the purchase, plagued by technical problems, unfocused marketing and a difficulty in merging the two companies' work forces. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EOG Res	124.73	+19.05	+18.0
Salesforce	61.66	+9.04	+17.2
NStarRlt	9.09	+.97	+11.9
DelMinte	8.51	+.86	+11.2
TxPac wi	37.40	+3.26	+9.5

#### Losers

RH Donl	9.34	-8.46	-47.5
WP Stew	2.10	-1.64	-43.9
MF Globl n	21.19	-8.09	-27.6
MoneyGrm	3.70	-.89	-19.4
Idearc	5.76	-1.24	-17.7

#### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

#### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5019	.5040	.5104
Canadian Dollar	.9745	.9808	1.1703
European Euro	.6572	.6614	.7567
Japanese Yen	105.36	106.45	118.12
Mexican Peso	10.6722	10.7173	11.1737
Taiwanese Dollar	30.91	30.90	32.98

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### Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	54.22	-.32	-3.4
Allergan s	60.91	-1.44	-5.2
AstraZen	38.68	-.47	-9.7
BarrPhm	48.35	-.84	-8.9
BrMySq	22.91	-.29	-12.6
Cephal	60.65	+.23	-15.5
ForestLab	40.72	-1.80	+11.7
Hospira	42.92	+.32	+.7
JohnJn	62.71	-.33	-6.0
LillyEli	50.93	-.90	-4.6
Merck	45.20	-.24	-22.2
Pfize	22.55	-.20	-.8
SchergPl	21.97	-.13	-17.5
WarnerChil	16.70	-.24	-5.8
Wyeth	42.54	-.42	-3.7

## Local

# Fenty: Schools About Fixed

Mayor says DCPS fire, health code violations almost fully corrected

Many of the D.C. schools' fire and health code violations have been corrected, and remaining problems will be addressed in the coming months, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Allan Y. Lew, chief of the schools modernization and maintenance programs, reported Thursday.

The issues ranged from an unlit exit sign to an improperly mounted fire extinguisher, Lew said at a news conference Thursday morning at Johnson Middle School in Southeast. Officials did not give out exact numbers on the problems corrected



Fenty

or the outstanding violations but said that all remaining fire and health code issues will be corrected by June 30.

One of the more serious fire code issues, the padlocking of exits, has been fixed at Johnson and eight high schools that were part of a \$3.6 million pilot program for new security doors, Fenty said.

Ballou, Anacostia, Spin-garn, Roosevelt, Dunbar, Wilson, Coolidge and Cardozo high schools received electronic security systems that placed cameras

at every exit and allowed security officials to instantly view any security breaches.

That program, which costs about \$700,000 per school, will be expanded to other schools in the system this summer, Lew said.

Lew and Fenty also reported that school system workers and private contractors were on track to install window air-conditioning units and upgrade electrical wiring so that every D.C. classroom would have air conditioning this summer. That work is part of \$120 million "school stabilization" maintenance programs. "This is the latest chapter in a long book, because there's a lot of work to be done," Fenty said.

THEOLA LABBÉ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

IN The Washington Post | POPE'S VISIT SPARKS HUNT FOR HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN



GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

**TOUGH CHOICE:** The Rev. Ron Jameson of St. Matthew's Cathedral in D.C. scans hundreds of letters he has received requesting tickets to Pope Benedict XVI's mass at Nationals Stadium April 17. The Archdiocese of Washington, which includes suburban Maryland, will decide Friday how it will distribute 14,000 tickets to local dioceses besides its own.

♦ **Pleas of hope:** Eager Catholics looking for a papal miracle offer up heart-wrenching stories in their letters. | Today's A1

## The Lotteries

Thursday, Feb. 28

### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	5-1-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	0-7-2
Mid-day DC 4	4-7-3-9
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-3-1-2
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	4-5-9-24-28
Daily 6 (Wed.)	9-24-26-27-33-39
Bonus: 15	
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	19-22-31-33-39 (II)

### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	5-9-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-2-0
Mid-day Pick 4	3-7-7-6
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-0-6-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	7-25-34-35-36
Bonus: 20	
Lotto (Wed.)	4-17-29-32-34-40

### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	4-9-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-8-2
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	5-0-7-5

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-4-9-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	11-12-18-33-34
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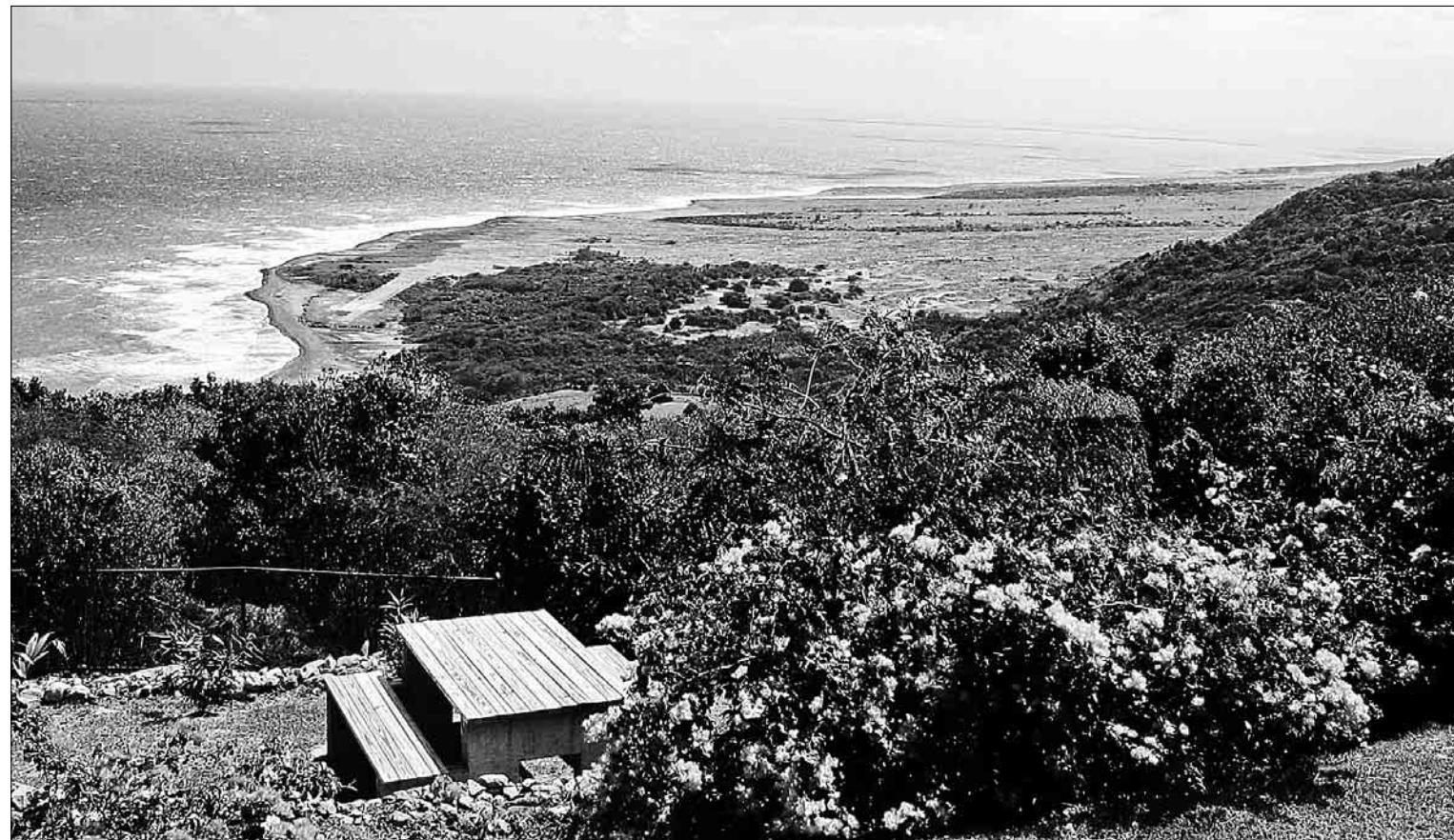
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# Sunday in The Washington Post



**LOST AT SEA:** A series of volcanic eruptions have so overshadowed Montserrat that its tourism business is struggling despite its prime location in the Caribbean Sea.

# Island Unto Itself

## The beauty and curse of Montserrat is its absence of tourists

**IN TRAVEL** | Clover Lea bursts through the open door of my villa at Gingerbread Hill, the guesthouse she owns on the west coast of Montserrat. She doesn't knock, but that's fine by me. She has a machete in one hand, home-grown citrus in the other.

For \$125 per night, I've been renting her two-bedroom, two-bathroom hideaway, which I've had to pry myself away from each morning. There's an open-air living area complete with a porch swing, an expansive view of the Caribbean, a hummingbird feeder with more traffic than the Capital Beltway and a mama dove and her chick roosting in an alcove near the dining table.

From the kitchen, I can see mountains dipping into the sea, but the Soufriere Hills Volcano, the intolerable stepchild that's

been reigning over this speck in the British West Indies for more than a decade, is far to the south. Out of sight, but never out of mind.

I've had the island to myself, and during the peak winter season at that. Montserrat, though, seems poised for a comeback, and during my visit locals have spoken of little else. I look at the Caribbean, devoid of pleasure craft, and strain to hear traffic on the nearby road.

"Do you really want more people on this island, Clover? Won't that spoil what you have?"

"Oh, we want all the tourists we can get," she says, staring wistfully to sea. "We just want to be sure they're the right ones."

It began on July 18, 1995, when steam and ash starting belching from an ancient crater in the Soufriere Hills. All at once, the scene was set for a decade-long assault on the island, which had just recovered from a direct hit in 1989 by Hurricane Hugo.

About a month later, another

eruption blanketed the capital of Plymouth in ash, initiating the first evacuation of southern Montserrat. And so it went for years, an unrelenting barrage of evacuations, dome collapses, ash clouds, pyroclastic flows (fast-moving walls

## for more ...

### SUNDAY IN TRAVEL

**Read more of John Deiner's account of his trip to Montserrat and more great vacation destinations in a special issue dedicated to the Caribbean.**

**IN** **The Washington Post**

of superheated gas and rock that destroy everything in their path), mudflows — and bad press.

Today, about two-thirds of the island has been declared an Exclusion Zone and is off-limits to most locals and visitors. And while the last major outburst was almost a year ago, the

volcano is by no means dormant.

Before the eruption, nearly 24,000 people per year visited the island, according to the Montserrat Tourist Board. Last year, the number had dwindled to about 9,500.

After a harrowing drive up to the Montserrat Volcano Observatory, I get my closest peek yet at Soufriere Hills. A film chronicling the eruptions is terrific, but the employee at the front desk is even more illuminating.

She has done her share of ash-kicking ... and she's tired of it.

"I got over being afraid of that thing long ago," she says. "Now I'm just annoyed by it."

Indeed, islanders seem eager to move on, even though the volcano hasn't made up its mind to do likewise. At the new Montserrat Cultural Center, I look over an exhibit on long-term plans to turn the Little Bay area — now a mash of dilapidated buildings and dirt roads on the northwest coast — into the island's capital. There'll be a marina, a cathedral, shopping promenades, parks and fountains.

Great for the island and these people I've come to adore, no doubt, but I already feel a tinge of loss for this Caribbean the way it used to be.

JOHN DEINER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## 5 more reasons to read

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With the new Newseum opening in a little more than a month, critic Philip Kennicott finds the building wanting in his review. **STYLE & ARTS**

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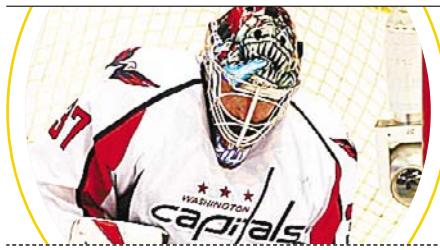


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# Sports Weekend



The Hoyas may be missing a leading man this season, but they're celebrating just as much as last year. The team doesn't rely on one player as much as it did with Jeff Green.

## A Different Formula

The Hoyas adapt to not having a leading scorer and continue to win

**HOYAS HOOPS** | The Georgetown Hoyas have been ranked in the top 20 each week this season. They have beaten 23 of 27 opponents with two regular season games remaining. And they held a half-game lead in the Big East heading into Thursday night's conference action.

That's who the team is.

But much of the talk, surrounding the No. 11 Hoyas has been about who they are not. Georgetown is not the same group as last year's team, led by Jeff Green, that was blowing out tough opponents at this time last season and eventually reached the Final Four.

There is no one person the Hoyas count on to score 20

points per game. Senior center Roy Hibbert leads the team with 13.4 points per game and just two others — Jonathan Wallace and DaJuan Summers, who tallied a game-high 21 points in Wednesday's win over St. John's — average in double figures in scoring.

Many of the team's wins have been ugly affairs, and four were decided by three points or fewer — all Hoyas victories.

Not that there is anything wrong with that. Just ask Georgetown's opponents about the team that will visit No. 21 Marquette (20-6, 11-5) Saturday.

"I think people have been unjustly saying negative things about their team — that they're maybe not living up to expectations; that they're not blowing people out," said Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin, whose team suffered

**EYEING A BYE**

**Georgetown and Marquette have the same goal this weekend: Claim a win that could secure a bye in the Big East tourney.**

→ Five schools are bunched at the top with 11 wins; The Hoyas' 13 were the most as of press time. The Golden Eagles have won five straight games in their bid for one of the league's top four spots. All the Hoyas need to do is keep winning, first against Marquette and then against Louisville, and they will be the No. 1 seed in New York next month.

a 73-53 defeat last weekend. "They play in the Big East, the deepest conference in college basketball history. You are not going to blow everybody out. ... It's amazing what expectations will do."

The Hoyas (23-4, 13-3) have not enjoyed many lopsided victories, and, without Green to take the final shot, they have relied on myriad players in key situations.

The formula is different from that of a year ago but equally successful, noted Hibbert, whose squad has won 10 of its last 12 games.

"Last year is in the past," the senior said. "We're building off last year, but every night it's a different player. That's what's so great about this team."

This group will ultimately be judged by how it does in the Big East tournament and subsequent NCAA tournament, not style points or margins of victory.

"At the end of the season, we'll pick up our head and see where we stand," coach John Thompson III said. MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

## TV Lineup



Antawn Jamison and DeShawn Stevenson must carry the injured Wizards.

### friday

**7 P.M.** Fighting to keep their playoff dreams alive, the Capitals take on the Devils in New Jersey. CSN

**8 P.M.** The Wizards are still the sixth playoff seed. But when they travel to Chicago, the Bulls, who are 10th, will be just four games back. CW50

### saturday

**2 P.M.** No. 11 Georgetown is at Big East rival No. 21 Marquette after winning three straight conference games. CBS

**4 P.M.** Big Ten foes Ohio State and Minnesota play on national TV. ESPN

**7 P.M.** Toronto has recently won big games against other Southeast opponents. Will it have the same luck when playing the Caps in D.C.? CSN

**7 P.M.** The Volunteers are already a lame-duck No. 1 seed after losing to Vanderbilt. But they still have to play Kentucky as part of the SEC race. CBS

### sunday

**1 P.M.** In their last regular season game, the fifth-ranked Terps women travel to Raleigh to play N.C. State. FSN

**5:30 P.M.** The rivalry in North Carolina heats up when the No. 2 UNC women travel to No. 6 Duke. FSN

**6 P.M.** The Wizards squeaked by with a win the last time they played New Orleans — one of the few wins Washington has had recently. CSN

**7:30 P.M.** The Terps have hit a rough patch at the worst possible time. They look to get back on track with a home game against Clemson. CSN



**NFL | I won the Super Bowl and all I got was this stupid \$21 million contract** A year ago, Giants fans and players wanted him fired. Now, the team is getting ready to sign Tom Coughlin to a four-year, \$21 million dollar deal that would make him one of the three highest-paid coaches in the NFL, the New York Daily News reported on Thursday. In a league of "What have you done for me lately?" attitudes, apparently, winning a Super Bowl and ruining a team's perfect season carries a lot of weight. (EXPRESS)

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# Weekend | Sports



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The Wizards still don't know when Gilbert Arenas, left, and Caron Butler will return.

## Injured Wizards In Playoff Limbo

Washington falls into a spiral while waiting for superstars to heal

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For now, Eddie Jordan can't pluck a savior off the bench. He's not going to sign an impact player off the street and put him in the starting lineup. And the time for making a trade has already passed.

The Wizards' coach has had to answer questions more fitting for a physical therapist than an NBA coach the last month and a half. And with All-Star forward Caron Butler — diagnosed Wednesday with a torn labrum in his left hip — slated to miss his 11th straight game Friday night when the Wizards take the floor in Chicago, there's no end in sight.

Welcome to basketball purgatory.

Despite their recent bad form — due as much to Butler's absence as the team's poor play — Washington (27-30) is still in sixth place in the Eastern Conference. Even though Washington is 2-11 this month, they've never been in danger of dropping out of the playoff picture.

Ever the diplomat, Jordan was asked last week whether he was looking forward to the day when most of the questions weren't about injuries.

"Hopefully, [I'll be talking] more about winning," Jordan said. "We've been down this road before; we're not strangers to it."

The key word is "hopefully." The Wizards didn't foresee Butler's being out this long when he left the Philadelphia game Feb. 6 with what the team described as a hip flexor strain. It's now up in the air as to when he and Gilbert Arenas — who has been out since November with a knee injury — will return.

"Hopefully, we will be getting some guys back, and it looks like our depth will be tremendous down the stretch," Wizards guard Roger Mason said. "It may take us some time to get going, but we are only going to get better."

The Wizards are four games up on ninth place Atlanta heading into Friday night's game against the 10th place Bulls.

Even if they do get passed by a revamped New Jersey team or a young, hungry Philadelphia squad that's won eight of its last 10, Washington should stay close enough that it won't have to worry about making the playoffs — assuming Butler and Arenas really do reappear on the court sometime before the end of the season.

And maybe then Jordan can talk about something other than pain.

ERIC BRANDNER



# Free Agency Big on Names

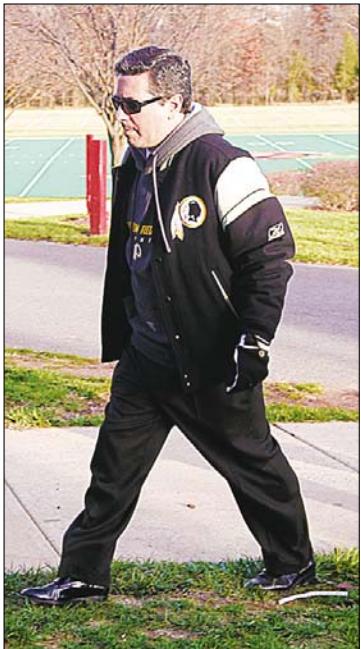
Redskins prove it's not always best to pay for available superstars

**NFL** | Every year when free agency starts, it seems Daniel Snyder has the Washington Redskins' plane fueled and ready to swoop into a rival's city and return with a prized free agent.

Except most of those prizes turned out to be duds. That's one reason the Redskins ended last season \$20 million over the salary cap and have spent the last few weeks cutting duds and restructuring the contracts of players they want to keep.

Free agency began at midnight, but few teams are likely to splurge, having learned there rarely are players available that can turn a franchise into an instant winner.

As Snyder learned the hard



Redskins owner Daniel Snyder says he won't go after big names this offseason.

## BIGGEST OF THE BUNCH

**There are a handful of big names looking for new homes through free agency this offseason:**

- Patriots WR Randy Moss
- Patriots DB Asante Samuel
- Falcons DB DeAngelo Hall
- Seahawks WR D.J. Hackett
- Chargers DB Drayton Florence
- Bears LB Lance Briggs
- Cowboys RB Julius Jones
- Bengals DE Justin Smith
- Steelers G Alan Faneca
- Cowboys OT Flozell Adams

way, it's self-destructive to pay \$35 million to a limited player with a "name," as the Redskins did with Adam Archuleta two years ago. Archuleta went from starting strong safety to third string in less than a season and now is in Chicago.

This year, the Patriots have two

of the most attractive free agents: WR Randy Moss and CB Asante Samuel.

There are other "name" free agents available, notably Chicago linebacker Lance Briggs, Pittsburgh guard Alan Faneca and a pair of potentially good pass rushers in Justin Smith of Cincinnati and Antwan Odom of Tennessee.

Other teams will pick up veterans cut to make cap room, as Dallas did with former Dolphin Zach Thomas.

"If you can get it done, you get it done. If not, you try to do your best with the draft," says general manager Jerry Reese, who certainly did his best last season. "It's different every year." DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

 **Game on:** Jason La Canfora will discuss the Redskins' free agency plans at 1 p.m. on [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

## Packers' Site Puts Up Story on Favre Retirement

**NFL** | Brett Favre's retirement lore is becoming almost as popular as his on-the-field heroics.

On Thursday, the Packers' official Web site briefly reported he was retiring, but the breaking news section was live for only a few minutes.

"There's nothing to it," Packers spokesman Jeff Blumb told The Associated Press. "People who handle our Web site had set up a dummy page in the event he was to retire. They were asked to take down that page."

A call by The AP to Favre's agent, Bus Cook, was not immediately returned.

Cook told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that Favre, in his annual rite of winter, had not made up his mind whether to return for his 18th season. The three-time MVP's decision one way or the other is not expected this week. (AP)

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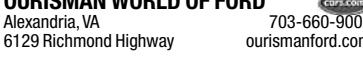


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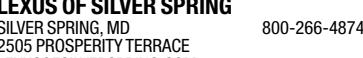
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# Caps' 3 Goalies Make a Crowd

Washington has more goalies than nets after trade to acquire Huet

CAPITALS | The Washington Capitals demonstrated Thursday that three goaltenders do not fit in front of two nets.

Newly acquired Cristobal Huet presided at one end of the rink during his first practice with the team. Longtime face of the franchise Olie Kolzig was at the other end.

As for reliable backup Brent Johnson? All he could do was watch from the bench.

"I think everybody realizes how weird it is in here right now," Kolzig said.

Confusion still abounds from the surprise trade-deadline deal that brought Huet from the Montreal Canadiens. The only certain thing is that Huet will start Friday's game against the New Jersey Devils, Kolzig will be the backup, and Johnson won't even make the trip.

"I'm still frustrated, of course," said Johnson. "But I'm not going to let it get the best of me. Worse things could happen."

Huet and Kolzig both said that

## MEET CRISTOBAL HUET

The 32-year-old Frenchman was traded from Montreal on Tuesday:

- He was 21-12-6 this season.
- His save percentage was .916 and his GAA was 2.56 in Montreal.
- He has posted 72 career wins and two career shutouts.

Kolzig would start Saturday's home game against the Toronto Maple Leafs, but the coach acted as if that was news to him.

"We take every day one day at a time," Boudreau said. "If Huet's unbelievable, then we'll go with him Saturday."

So, there's really no telling how the rest of the season will play out for a team that began Thursday five points away from a playoff berth. And beyond? There's even less certainty. Kolzig, like Huet, is set to be an unrestricted free agent this summer, so the end could be near in Washington for the longtime veteran who has been with the Capitals through thick and thin.

"I still feel I can play at a high level," said Kolzig, whose 298 wins have all come in D.C. "And I'll continue to believe that."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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But here is Federov, roughly 13 years since I last used my Genesis. The former three-time Stanley Cup champ — he did far better for me — was the biggest name the Washington Capitals acquired in a flurry of moves before the trade deadline.

Yes, you read that right: The Caps actually traded for players rather than moving their own elsewhere.

To Washington's credit, it is making a genuine playoff push, even if the marquee name is old enough to

**The Caps had to make these moves to show fans and opponents alike they are serious.**

be Alex Ovechkin's father.

The other Verizon Center occupant, the Wizards, faced a similar dilemma a week ago and stood pat. However, the Wizards are plagued by a rash of injuries — not talent.

Ironically, the depleted basketball team has more realistic playoff dreams just because the NBA's Eastern Conference is far worse than the NHL's.

The Capitals had to make these moves to show fans and opponents alike that they are serious about winning.

If nothing else, it created a stir about a team that struggles for any publicity not related to Ovechkin's individual efforts.

The playoffs may just be a dream this year. But we may look back at this week as a time a once-proud franchise showed it is ready to compete again.

>To reach Matt Swenson, e-mail matt.swenson@readexpress.com

## GOLF | AS HE WALKS IN SHIRTS OF GOLD



DAVID CANNON/GETTY IMAGES

**GOLDEN BOY:** No one forced Ian Poulter to wear this outfit. In fact, it is part of his own line of clothing. But donning the ensemble didn't help him at the Johnnie Walker Classic in New Delhi, India. He was nine shots behind Thursday.

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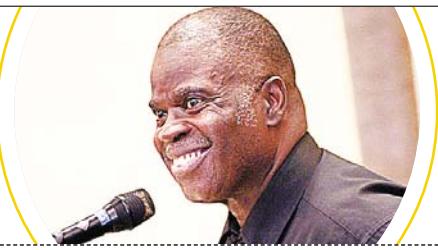
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**EGOMANICAL BRILLIANCE:** Will Ferrell is Jackie Moon, another incarnation of Ron Burgundy, in the b-ball spoof "Semi-Pro."

## Hoops of Glory

### Will Ferrell's signature character scores yet again in 'Semi-Pro'

**FILM** | Here's how devoted Will Ferrell is to his craft: That 'fro rocks in "Semi-Pro"? It's his real hair, the product of six months of work — or neglect.

The comedian can certainly be appreciated for his dedication, if not

for his creativity. After all, you've seen this character before, this Jackie Moon, the owner-player-coach of the Flint, Mich., Tropics, a fledgling (and fictional) American Basketball Association team. It's the same self-serious, delusional guy Ferrell plays in almost every movie he's made: Ron Burgundy in barely there polyester shorts; Ricky Bobby in nipple-clinging turtlenecks.

It makes you wonder where else

he can go with the persona: competitive Tiddlywinks, perhaps? But Ferrell does go for it, and either you're with him or you're not.

"Semi-Pro" is consistently funnier and more of a cohesive film, though, than the collection of gags that was "Blades of Glory." And it has more than a few shadings of "Slap Shot," "Major League" and even "Kingpin." It's that one-last-shot-at-glory premise — not that

the sports element truly matters in a sports movie like this. It's really all about the silly vibe and the physical humor. (The script comes from Scot Armstrong, who has co-written such comedies as "Old School" and "Starsky & Hutch.")

The year is 1976, and Kent Alterman, a longtime New Line executive making his directing debut, wallows in the period kitsch. Leisure suits, bad mustaches, Sly & the Family Stone — no cliche is left unturned.

Jackie is trying to keep the Tropics alive as the NBA is about to absorb the four best teams from the ABA.

Most of Jackie's promotional ideas are just completely out there: leaping over a line of cheerleaders in roller skates and a cape; wrestling a live bear in a cage; dressing his teammates in flamingo and sea horse costumes for a halftime dance routine.

He trades the team washing machine and brings in former Boston Celtics bench warmer Ed Monix (Woody Harrelson) to help his players. But Ed is also in Flint to rekindle a romance with his ex, played by Maura Tierney, whose new boyfriend (Rob Corddry) happens to be Ed's biggest fan.

Will Jackie lead his team to that coveted fourth-place spot? Will Ed get the girl? Does any of this matter? There are enough individual moments to keep you distracted and laughing the whole way through. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

## The Beauty Has a Beastly Nose

### Christina Ricci bears the curse of the pig in the lovable 'Penelope'

**FILM** | No offense intended, but a pig snout is very becoming on Christina Ricci.

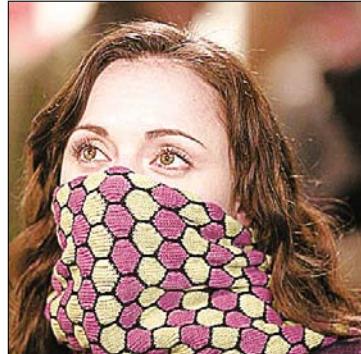
The actress is lovably adorable in the adorably lovable "Penelope," a fairy-tale romance that's a perfect mix of Ricci's oddball sensibilities and her inherent sweetness.

The film further establishes the

tremendous range of James McAvoy, proving that the co-star of such dramas as "Atonement" and "The Last King of Scotland" is just as engaging in a sunny comedy.

Like a storybook of old, "Penelope" offers a pithy prologue establishing long-ago events and the repercussions they have in the present.

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Five generations pass with only male heirs, until Penelope (Ricci) is born to Jessica and Franklin Wilhern — with a snout.

What follows is a smart, funny, endearing twist on "Beauty and the Beast," with Ricci and McAvoy showing boundless charm and chemistry as possible lovers whose secrets run much more than skin deep.

**DAVID GERMAIN (AP)**

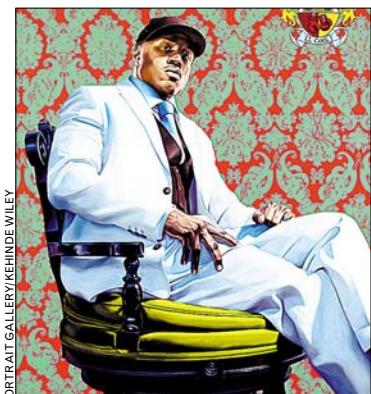
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"Recognize" — at the Portrait Gallery — is one of the funnest exhibitions on right now. Nothing compares to seeing life-size, Baroque-y portraits of LL Cool J. Haven't seen the "Color at Field" show (in the same building), but it looks promising.

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A regal-looking portrait of LL Cool J is one of many must-sees at the gallery.

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# All the King's Women

**Catfights and betrayal reign supreme in 'The Other Boleyn Girl'**

**FILM** | The clever casting alone had promise: the role reversal of the vava-voomy Scarlett Johansson playing sweet country girl Mary Boleyn and the pixieish Natalie Portman playing her scheming vixen of an older sister, Anne.

Add hunky Eric Bana to the mix as Henry VIII, jumping back and forth between these two contrasting beauties in his fiery youth, and the possibilities seemed even more intriguing.

Instead, "The Other Boleyn Girl" too often comes off as an unintentionally campy, highbrow soap opera — albeit one with elaborate production design and richly textured costumes (the work of Sandy Powell, an Oscar winner for "Shakespeare in Love" and "The Aviator").

Director Justin Chadwick's film, based on the best-selling

novel by Philippa Gregory, looks great, the high-definition heightening both the grit and glamour of 16th-century England. But surprisingly, the script from Peter Morgan, who had a terrific year in 2006 between "The Queen" and "The Last King of Scotland," vacillates awkwardly between sexy romp and serious — and seriously violent — period piece.

The American actresses, putting on British accents, seem ill at ease at first, but Johansson settles nicely into her role as the Boleyn sister with more complex, conflicting emotions of love and loyalty. It's another example of the range that exists within this young actress, who's lately been in need of a hit. (This ain't it.)

Portman's Anne Boleyn is all ruthless flirting and conniving, but she can't quite pull it off; rather, it feels as if we're watching the petite starlet playing dress-up for a high school production.

The story is a series of pregnancies and miscarriages, crosses



**WHO'S THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL?** Anne Boleyn (Natalie Portman, left) and Mary Boleyn (Scarlett Johansson, right) vie for the affections of the same powerful man.

and double-crosses, interspersed with long stomps down stone corridors and the clomping of horse hooves. Anne is shipped off to France for potentially embarrassing the family but returns educated, sharp-tongued and more ambitious than ever (in a dazzer of an emerald-green gown). Now the king, who was originally drawn to the younger Boleyn, Mary, finds himself drawn to her, which seems illogical the way it's quickly and superficially depicted here; Henry brags of his ability to see through people's intentions, hence his attraction to the guileless Mary, yet it's the exact opposite behavior in Anne that ultimately turns his head.

Through it all, the sisters' loyalty is tested. Anne is all too happy to turn her back on Mary in pursuit of the throne — and even revels in getting a few digs in, asking the pregnant Mary, "Do you feel as awful as you look?" But except for a hissy fit here and there, and of course a breakdown at her climactic, final moment, it's a one-note performance of pure, unabashed social climbing.

Your eyes will probably roll before anyone's head does.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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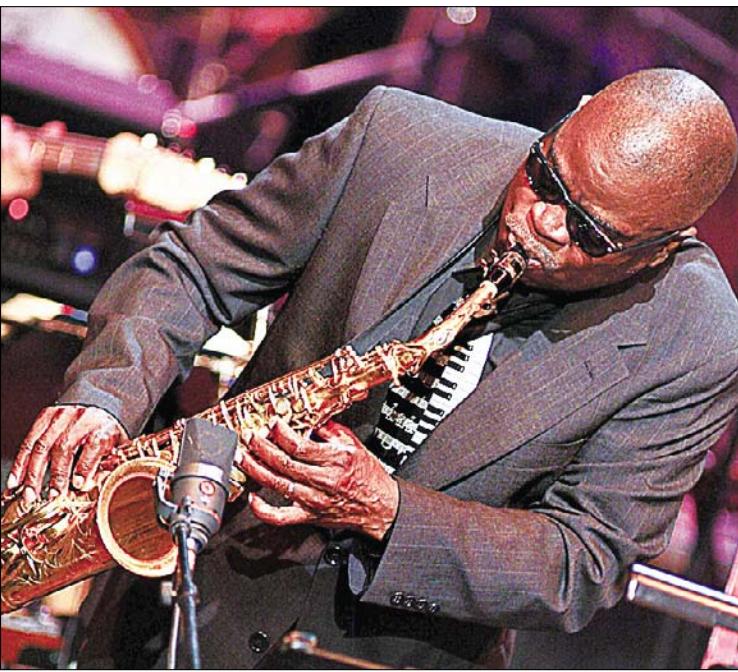
### Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

#### FRIDAY

We will probably never understand the endless enthusiasm the bar-going public has for '80s music. Heaven and Hell's weekly all-'80s dance night has been running for almost 15 years — five more than the Me Decade lasted the first time around. DJs spinning Day-Glo hits take over the Black Cat's mainstage and the Red and the Black's upstairs room on a regular basis. To which we say: enough. Let's fixate on something else for a while. Like ... the '90s! Now there's a decade ripe for re-evaluation: Grunge, New Jack Swing, Native Tongues, Britpop, baggy, the rise of Lollapalooza and whatever it is Alanis and House of Pain did. DJs Will Eastman and Brian Billion promise to haul out all of that — plus everything from Arrested Development to Wreckx-N-Effect — at No Scrubs, a '90s dance night at **THE BLACK CAT**. They've put together a little preview mix you can download at Blackcatdc.com if you want to know what you're in for. Feel good as you shake your rump: Proceeds from the event benefit Project Create, a free after-school arts program for at-risk kids.

Local rockers the Apes must chuckle when they see the quick success of upstart local groups like Jukebox the Ghost, Le Loup and others. Those bands seemed to lead charmed lives, finding success from the outset of their careers. The Apes, meanwhile, have had an experience that's more the norm, including lineup shifts, label jumps and a whole lot of flying under the radar over the course of their decade together. It seems to be time well spent, though, as the band's latest (and debut for Gypsy Eyes), "Ghost Games," is its strongest to date. It's the first album to feature vocalist Breck Brunson, who injects some energy into the band that had previously been best known for heavy, sludgy rock. There's still plenty of guitar-free mayhem, but it feels lighter and less hazy, showing off



PRINCE OF SOUL: James Brown's sideman Maceo Parker plays the State Theatre.

improved songwriting chops. The band celebrates the release of its new album at **THE BLACK CAT** with Kid Congo Powers and Food for Animals.

We really like the sound of "Soiree Glamorous Life." Yeah, we're probably getting suckered in by the name or that it's hosted by DJ Herve, who threw some great rooftop parties at **TABAQ**, but, honestly, who couldn't use more glamour in their life? The guest-list-only event at kstreet is targeting an "international" crowd with a mix of dance music — everything from house to '80s — and the lounge is providing free champagne to the first 150 guests. If that doesn't get us doing air kisses, we don't know what will. RSVPs are required for entry — see Planetchicdc.com to sign up — and the dress code is "fashion-

ably chic."

Remember when 50 Cent promised to quit the rap game if Kanye West's "Graduation" outsold Fiddy's album "Curtis"? And remember how "Graduation" sold 250,000 more copies in one week than "Curtis"? Well, 50 Cent is performing at **LOVE** tonight.

#### SATURDAY

There are two kinds of James Brown fans: There are the ones who claim to love the Godfather of Soul and get up and dance at a wedding when "Sex Machine" comes on. Then there are the ones who trawl online record stores hoping to find the original 7-inch single of "I Got Ants in My Pants (And I Want to Dance)" and who shiver with delight whenever the Godfather yells "Maceo, I want you to BLOW!" in anticipation of the stunning saxophone solo that's sure to follow. The latter fans are the ones who will be streaming out to **THE STATE THEATRE** tonight to hear former Brown sideman Maceo Parker tear through classics by the JBs, and Parliament — the band he joined after leaving Brown in the '70s — and covers of Marvin Gaye, Ray Charles and other soul legends. Thing is, Parker's one of the most extraordinary and influential musicians of our age, and even the casual fans are sure to have a great time.



MARK FINNEGAN/STAFF

DJ Will Eastman takes a stand against the '80s madness with No Scrubs, his all-'90s dance party at the Black Cat.

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# Now Playing

**ATONEMENT** (R, 123 minutes) This film version of Ian McEwan's 2002 novel has achieved that to which every literary adaptation should aspire. It's 1935, and the Tallises have gathered for a quiet summer weekend. When Briony observes her beautiful sister, Cecilia (Keira Knightley), suddenly jump into a fountain while the caretaker's son, Robbie (James McAvoy), looks on, Briony doesn't see youthful impetuosity. She sees something forbidden and threatening, which is how she will read and report all that comes later. (AH)

**BE KIND REWIND** (PG-13, 101 minutes) The films of Michel Gondry aren't for everyone, but viewers who vibe to his playful, cerebral, wildly imaginative sensibility might get a kick out of this story about a New Jersey slacker (Jack Black) who runs afoul of a power plant and becomes magnetized, unwittingly erases every tape in his neighborhood video store, then records over the tapes with condensed, low-tech reenacted versions of the movies. Such a far-fetched yarn borders on the patronizing. But the movie remakes are hilarious. Gondry's belief in community-based, handmade, DIY culture is infectious, and his cry against big-box homogenization (fewer choices, more copies) a noble one. (AH)

**THE BUCKET LIST** (PG-13, 97 minutes) The lowest of high concepts, this movie is about two old coots (Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman) with terminal cancer who decide to live out a few last-minute thrills before kicking the bucket. (JA)

**CHARLIE BARTLETT** (R, 97 minutes) Charlie (Anton Yelchin) is a sweet-faced but scheming student whose penchant for bootleg activities keeps getting him thrown out of prep schools. In desperation, his mother enrolls him in a public school where he immediately appoints the school, bully to help him become the student body's main rainmaker, the one who procures them various psychotropic meds. He also becomes an in-house shrink, listening to their problems from his office in the restroom. (DT)

**CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR** (R, 96 minutes) Mike Nichols' chronicle of congressman Charlie Wilson's crusade to ram funding through the House Appropriations Committee to supply arms to the Afghan mujaheddin in the early 1980s probably gets the Washington process better than any film since "Advise & Consent."



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**SECURITY BREACH:** Secret Service agents Thomas Barnes (Dennis Quaid, left) and Holden (Richard T. Jones, right) restrain Enrique (Eduardo Noriega) to question him about the shooting of the president in the misguided action flick "Vantage Point."

in 1962. (SH)

**DEFINITELY, MAYBE** (PG-13, 151 minutes) As our tale begins, Maya (Abigail Breslin) is staying with her dad, soon-to-be-divorced Will Hayes (Ryan Reynolds), and she wants to know how he met her mom and why it went wrong. So Will weaves a story that chronicles his history of female trouble, changing the names of the women so Maya doesn't know whom he eventually married. (JA)

**FOOL'S GOLD** (PG-13, 112 minutes) This movie revolves around a quest for the fabled Queen's Dowry, gold and jewels meant to seal a royal marriage, which sank in the Caribbean in 1715. Tess (Kate Hudson) and Ben (Matthew McConaughey) have spent their entire marriage looking for the booty. Tess is a doctoral candidate in something—history? hair extensions?—and has had her life put on hold by Ben's passion for finding the Dowry. So they split up, and immediately get back together when Ben finally finds a substantial clue to what's down there, waiting. What's up here, not waiting, is a whole boatload of subplots. (JA)

**4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS AND 2 DAYS** (Unrated, 113 minutes) This shattering Romanian movie is not for the faint of heart, but for film connoisseurs passionately interested in how far the medium can go in depicting human stories, it will provide a bracing breath of fresh cinematic air. Anamaria Marinca delivers a transfixing performance as Otilia, a

young woman who helps a friend (Laura Vasiliu) obtain an illegal abortion in the waning days of Romania's communist Ceausescu regime. Writer-director Cristian Mungiu films Otilia's harrowing day in virtual real time. The result

is a sobering, unsettling portrait of the extremes people must resort to under tyranny, a portrait all the more powerful because of Mungiu's adamant refusal to gloss over unpleasant truths. (AH)

**GEORGE A. ROMERO'S DIARY OF THE**

**DEAD** (R, 95 minutes) This movie centers on a group of film students making a horror movie. When the inevitable zombie invasion occurs, their director, Jason Creed (Joshua Close), decides to make a hand-held reality movie about it. So, it becomes a movie within a movie that, a voice-over tells us, has been downloaded off the Internet. The target is too obvious and easy: the amoral, perpetually media-obsessed youth of today. (DT)

**HANNAH MONTANA AND MILEY CYRUS: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT 3-D** (G, 74 minutes) Clearly, we were expecting too much. Fifteen lousy bucks for this movie (tickets are \$15, even for kids, and even for a matinee), and you still learn nothing about Miley Cyrus and her rock-star alter ego. And it's in 3-D, a gimmick truly on the cutting edge in ... 1953. It is strictly a pastiche of her recent tour.

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**HONEYDRIPPER** (PG-13, 123 minutes) In this film, writer-director John Sayles reaches back to 1950 in rural Alabama where, in this fictional story, rock 'n' roll is born. Danny Glover plays Tyrone Purvis, who runs a ramshackle roadhouse and who, for contrived reasons, won't allow guitars in the club. When a young wanderer mysteriously appears on the scene brandishing that very instrument, Tyrone must decide whether the kid and his contraption just might save the juke joint. (AH)

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**NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN** (R, 120 minutes) Derived from the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name, this high-end "literary" thriller traffics as much in ideas as in thrills, sometimes to its own detriment. It follows as a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) out antelope-hunting comes across a Texas drug deal gone bad. (SH)

**PERSEPOLIS** (PG-13, 95 minutes) The unusual format in Marjane Satrapi's film

is not that it's in black-and-white (though it is), not that it's based on a graphic novel (it is), but that it's animated. Satrapi, with co-director Vincent Paronnaud, has taken her work and turned it into a vigorous, revealing and tragic film. (SH)

**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES** (PG, 97 minutes) This movie, based on a best-selling young people's novel, no doubt has been eagerly awaited by the book's fans, who most likely will be pleased by the visualization of the story's otherworldly creatures. But for the uninitiated? It's a bummer. (AH)

**STEP UP 2 THE STREETS** (PG-13, 97 minutes) This follow-up to 2006's "Step Up" has a message that slips through, at odds with the movie's blatant insincerity: Youthful physicality is pure and impervious, even when it's framed, choreographed, directed and generally falsified by corporate grown-ups. We groan at the two leading, squeaky-clean per-



**THE COUNTERFEITERS:** In "Be Kind Rewind," Mos Def and Jack Black fudge their own versions of blockbuster hits to cater to an audience stuck in the era of VHS.

formers (Robert Hoffman and Briana Evigan) pretending to be oh so "street" in their designer togs and exchanging "attitude"-laced dialogue that induces unintentional laughter. Let's leave these herky-jerky lovebirds to utter those false nothings between their gyrations and wait for a movie where they do get it all right: story, acting and dancing. (DT)

**THERE WILL BE BLOOD** (R, 158 minutes) Based very loosely on the novel "Oil!" by Upton Sinclair, this film stars Daniel Day-Lewis as a miner named Daniel Plainview, who while digging for gold and silver in Southern California in the late 1890s discovers oil. The movie traces his rise as an independent oilman, his fight with Standard Oil, his relationship with his adopted son and his feud with an ambitious young preacher. It is a masterful cinematic achievement, and it's another astonishing performance from Day-

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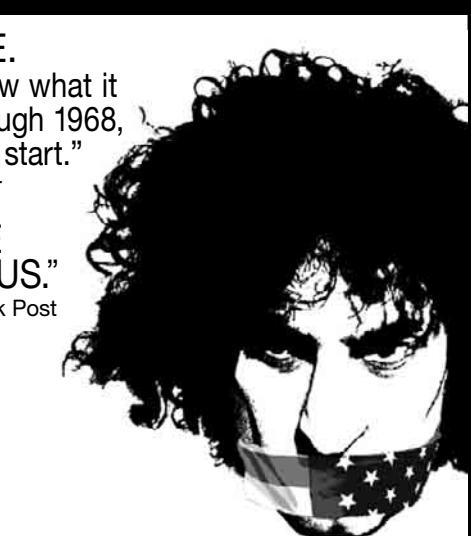
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FOOL'S GOLD (PG-13)  
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GEORGE A. ROMERO'S  
DIARY OF THE DEAD (R)  
11:35, 4:50, 10:00

RAMBO (R)  
3:00, 7:50

THE EYE (PG-13)  
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THE PIRATES WHO DON'T  
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MOVIES (G)  
1:15, 3:55

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**SEDUCTION OF THE CHIN:** Jay Leno has nearly two years left at "The Tonight Show" on NBC, but rival networks are already unofficially courting the comedian. The New York Times reported that ABC and Fox had both told Leno they were eager to engage him in talks.

## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

### BOOK YOUR TICKETS!

The investment-advice series **FAST MONEY** (5 p.m. and 8 p.m., CNBC, Fri.) moves to Miami, Fla., to discuss emerging business opportunities in Latin America.

### FRANTIC SEARCH

Scheduled on a two-hour helping of **20/20** (9 p.m., ABC, Fri.): Families look for three women who vanished in Japan.

### MARITAL STRESS

Kate and Paul have much to discuss on **IN TREATMENT** (9:30 p.m., HBO, Fri.).

### UNDER PRESSURE

A rescue mission fights the clock on **STARGATE: ATLANTIS** (10 p.m., Sci Fi, Fri.).

### BOTOX, BOTOX, BOTOX

Women under stress receive advice to look **10 YEARS YOUNGER** (10 p.m., TLC, Fri.).

### PEEP SHOW

**SECRET HISTORY OF THE BRA** (midnight, National Geographic Channel, Fri.) offers many "Did you know?" moments. It turns

out the average bra has more than 40 components, and more than 4 million are manufactured every day to supply the everyday woman with her an average 6.5 bras.

### RICCI SANS PIG NOSE

Christina Ricci and Shooter Jennings chat on **LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN** (12:35 a.m., NBC, Sat.).

### STREAKING THROUGH THE QUAD

Three friends (Vince Vaughn, Will Ferrell and Luke Wilson) put off middle age by



**INSTA-STAR:** Ellen Page, of "Juno" fame, hosts "Saturday Night Live."

forming their own fraternity in the 2003 comedy **OLD SCHOOL** (8 p.m., ABC, Sat.).

### UP-CLOSE AND TWANGY

Country star Alan Jackson and his band, the Strayhorns, appear before an intimate audience on the second installment of the showcase **INVITATION ONLY** (9 p.m., CMT, Sat.).

### Crossover Series

**TORCHWOOD** (9 p.m., BBC America, Sat.) begins a three-episode story featuring a crossover appearance by Martha Jones (Freema Agyeman) from "Doctor Who."

### GRUMPY OLD MAN

The man who explored the seven words you can't say on television returns with

**GEORGE CARLIN: IT'S BAD FOR YA** (10 p.m., HBO, Sat.).

### LOVE YOURSELF

A late-night host gets prime-time exposure in the 2006 special **JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE'S ALL-STAR SALUTE TO JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE!** (10 p.m., ABC, Sat.).

### HER EGGO IS PREGGO

Ellen Page hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**

(11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guest Wilco.

### CARING IS COMPETING

**OPRAH'S BIG GIVE** (9 p.m., ABC, Sun.) sets out to turn charity into a competitive spectator sport. Ten people with reputations for giving back compete to see who can touch more lives more effectively in a contest of elimination.

### 'BOUT TIME

The cops get creative on **THE WIRE** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

### THE SINGLE LIFE

The new sitcom **UNHITCHED** (9:30 p.m., Fox, Sun.) kicks off with a scene of a man being violated by an aroused orangutan.

### RELATIONSHIP TEST

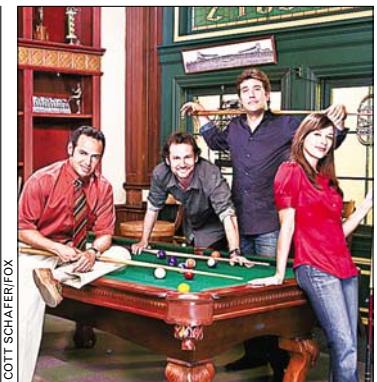
The new reality series **HERE COME THE NEWLYWEDS** (10 p.m., ABC, Sun.) appears to be a reincarnation of "The Newlywed Game."

### IT'S A LOVE/HATE THING

Dexter continues to admire his icy rival on **DEXTER** (10 p.m., CBS, Sun.).

### WITH THE DEVIL?

Walt makes a deal on **BREAKING BAD**



**NEWLY UN-WED:** A second-time bachelor tries again on "Unhitched."

(10 p.m., AMC, Sun.).

### AKA MIRANDA

Cynthia Nixon guest-stars on **LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT** (10 p.m., NBC, Sun.).

### ELDERLY ALL-STARS

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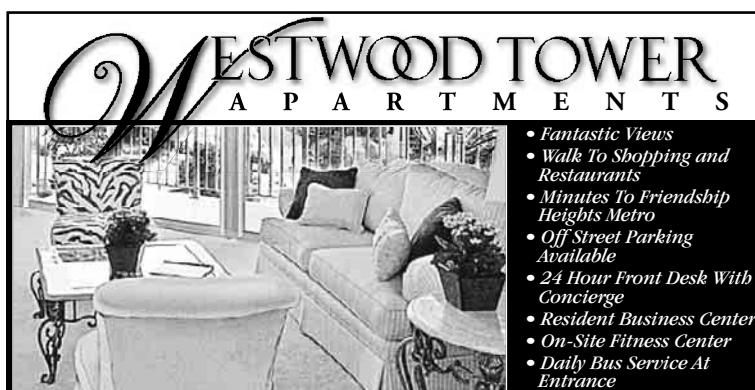
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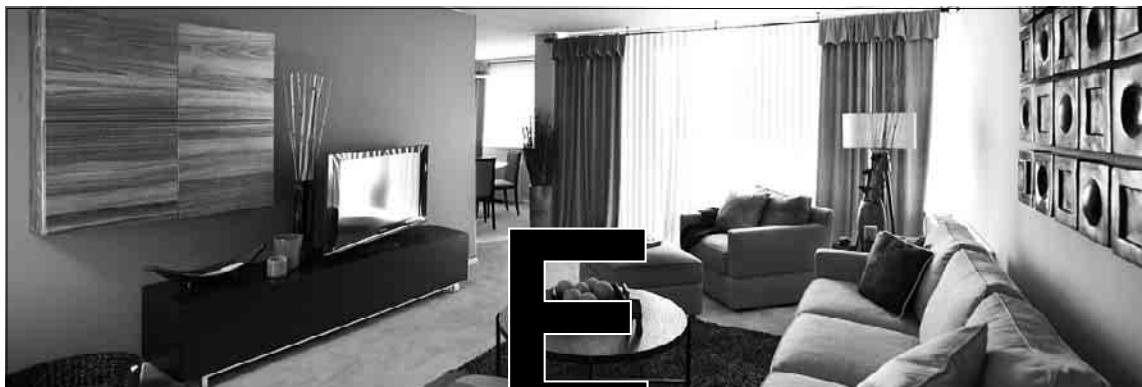
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# Laughs At Your Leisure

## Entertainment

### Clips from late-night comedy shows thrive as online viral videos

You don't have to stay up past midnight to enjoy your late-night shows.

Material from David Letterman, Jay Leno, Jimmy Kimmel and Conan O'Brien is increasingly turning into viral video on the Web. Long secluded in the wee hours of the night, these funnymen are now, with the help of a click or two, finding laughs in the waking hours.

They're often a hit, too, and none more so than Kimmel has been recently.

After ABC's lengthy Academy Awards broadcast on Sunday, you'd have to be a TV watcher of considerable endurance to stick around for "Jimmy Kimmel Live." But even if you didn't, by now you may have seen the high point of Kimmel's show.

First, some background. Kimmel has made it a nightly trademark to end by apologizing to Matt Damon for not having enough time to get him on the show. The joke, of course, is that such a star would never be bumped.

The bit took a turn on his fifth-anniversary show on Jan. 31, when

a video was aired by Kimmel's long-term girlfriend, comedian Sarah Silverman. In it, Silverman sang along with Damon, bragging that the two were sleeping together (though it was described in much funnier and more vulgar language, which was bleeped out).

More than 8 million people have watched the video on YouTube. It's also available on ABC.com.

On the post-Oscars show, Kimmel got his payback. In a similar song, he boasted that he was sleeping with Damon's good friend, Ben Affleck. The production was ratcheted up a notch and was styled like a "We Are the World" tribute. Guests included Brad Pitt, Harrison Ford, Robin Williams, Cameron Diaz, Don Cheadle and many more.

As of Thursday, more than 2 1/2 million had watched the video on YouTube.

Kimmel is far from the only late-night host to find viral success on the Internet. CBS was the first network to aggressively tout its late-night comedians — Letterman and Craig Ferguson — on YouTube.

Perhaps Letterman's finest Web clip was his interview of Paris Hilton soon after she had been jailed for two weeks for alcohol-related reckless driving. On YouTube, more than 6 million people watched Letterman repeatedly pepper Hilton about her experience in jail while the hotel heiress squirmed.

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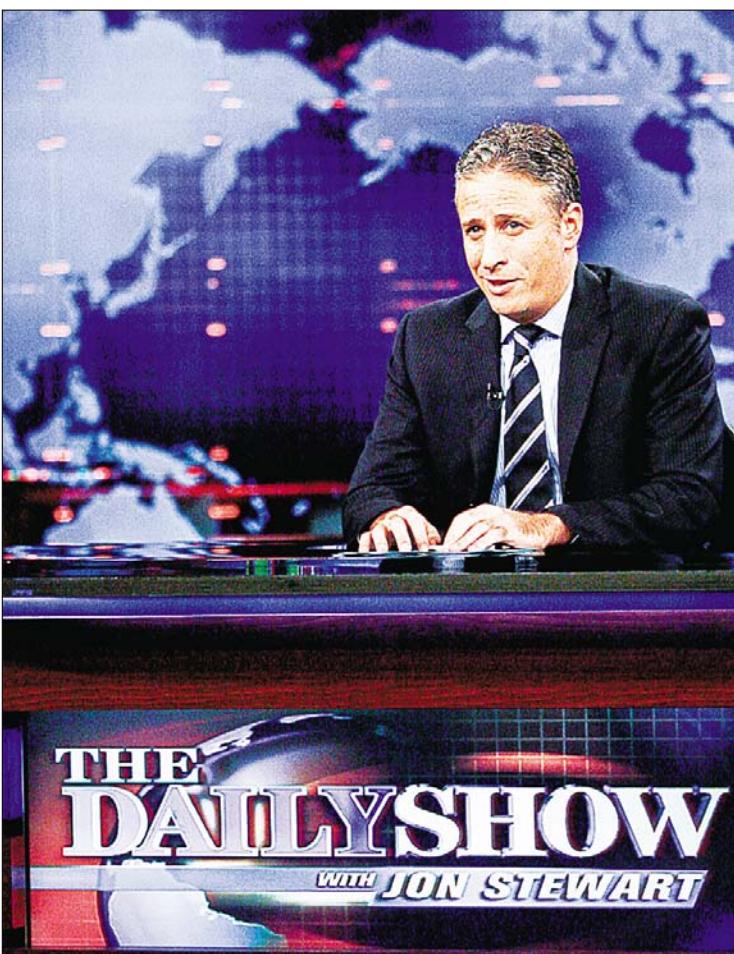


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TV COMEDIANS BECOME WEB PHENOMENA: "Jimmy Kimmel Live" has gained a significant following through online videos.



Fans of Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show" can find clips of it at Thedailyshow.com.

NBC, which is owned by General Electric Co., doesn't allow its material to be posted on YouTube and figures aren't available for videos on the network's Web site, NBC.com. (Clips and full episodes of many of NBC's shows can also be streamed at Hulu.com, a video site co-created with News Corp.)

Wherever they saw it, in early February, many people sought out the "Late Night" footage of O'Brien mock fighting "Daily Show" host Jon Stewart and "Colbert Report" host Stephen Colbert.

Comedy Central, which is owned by Viacom, also posts its own videos, which had previously been enormously popular on YouTube. Now, "Daily Show" clips are available at Thedailyshow.com, while "The Colbert Report" can be found at Comedycentral.com.

Altogether, these late-night hosts, coupled with "Saturday Night Live," have been a tremendous force online, where their comedic talents easily outshine more amateur material. Amazingly, the decades-old late-night format has proven adaptable yet again — even through the Internet "revolution."

JAKE COYLE (AP)

# Look out Online

 [readexpress.com](http://readexpress.com)

## site specifics

### MUSIC

#### From Odd to All-Star

Sometimes, Antelope singer-guitarist Justin Moyer dons a dress, heels and a funky backing band to strut around as Edie Sedwick, a camp commentary on celebrity culture. Edie performs at the Black Cat on Saturday, and Tim Follos spoke to Moyer about the "so dumb it's smart" project. | COMING UP



### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Grow Your Own Hit

Kate Voegele was the debut artist on MySpace Records, which led to a part on "One Tree Hill"—the CW drama with Kevin Federline. Tony Sclafani spoke to Voegele, who plays College Park's Sante Fe Café on Friday, about her music and the former Mr. Spears. | COMING UP



### TELEVISION

#### Worst of the Worst

It hasn't been a great week for "American Idol"—many of the guys and most of the girls served up lackluster performances. But were the folks handed their walking papers last night the right targets for viewers' ire? Greg Barber has a recap. | COMING UP

## comment board

**“**When I first moved here, that tag really struck me. When I drive my car to other states, people always comment on it.”

**COMMENTER GW**, WHO ADDED, "IF IT'S ON THE QUARTER, IT'LL BE A PERMANENT REMINDER TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY THAT WE DON'T GET [ANY] RESPECT."

**“**What is so controversial about pointing out the fact that D.C. does not have any voting representation in Congress?"

**COMMENTER VEGGIETART**, WHO ADDED, "NOT TOO LONG AGO, THE RESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL CITY (AS IT WAS ONCE CALLED) COULD NOT EVEN VOTE FOR PRESIDENT."

#### “Mayor Fenty should tell

the U.S. Mint that D.C. is no longer interested in the program. We don't need the Mint joining [Capitol] Hill in silencing D.C. taxpayers."

**COMMENTER SKVOZNYAK**, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DOES 'TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION' BELONG ON D.C.'S QUARTER?"



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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS (AS OF 5 P.M.)

DOES 'TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION' BELONG ON D.C.'S QUARTER?

YES 55%

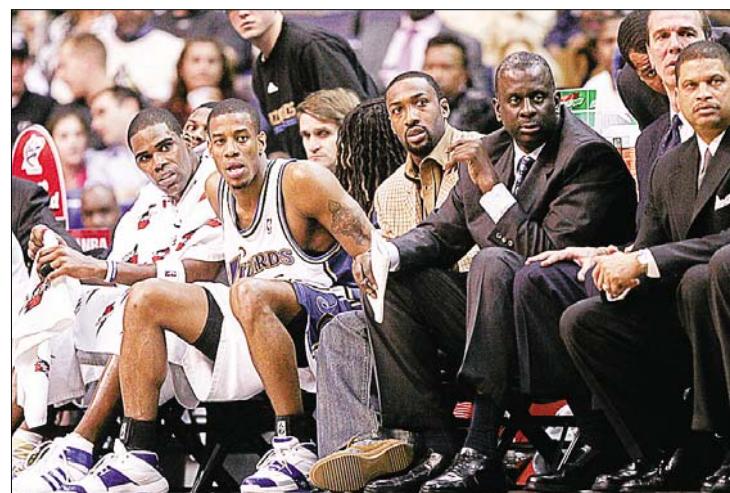
NO 45%

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT [READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP](http://readexpress.com/pollcenter.php)



"Here's a vote for 'scenester.' Or 'cooler.' Or 'hepcat,' ... 'hepsters,' 'herpsters,' 'bright young things,' 'not particularly bright young things.'"

COMMENTERS AT [JOSHUADAVIDSTEIN.COM](http://JOSHUADAVIDSTEIN.COM) OFFER HELP TO THE BLOGGER, WHO HAS BEEN TRYING TO COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE WORD FOR "HIPSTER."



 **ETAN THOMAS**, Gilbert Arenas, Caron Butler. A team can't be itself and play like a championship contender when it misses two All-Stars and a third starter from its starting five, yet that is what is being called for by the Wizards."

WASHINGTON CAPITALS OWNER TED LEONIS, BLOGGING AT [TED.AOL.COM](http://TED.AOL.COM) ABOUT THE STATE OF THE WIZARDS, WISHING BUTLER AND ARENAS "SPEEDY RECOVERIES."

**"The spread was a huge success, drawing 34 million page views, translating into major online ad sales. ... Goes to show that Lindsay can still sell magazines — just as long as she's willing to show some skin."**

**POPSUGAR.COM** ON NEW YORK MAGAZINE'S NUDE LINDSAY LOHAN PHOTO SPREAD.

## Discussions

### Nationals Park

Post columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday to discuss traffic and parking challenges at the Nats' new stadium.

**What about taking Metro to RFK, then hopping the shuttle bus to Nationals Park? Will there be restrictions on who gets to take those shuttles (i.e. showing a ticket stub or RFK parking pass)?**

That should be fine, though you will have to walk around RFK to the back of the stadium, as the shuttle buses will leave from the

big sprawling lot in the rear of the stadium — I think that's Lot 8.

**Has Metro considered running a couple of Orange Line trains and/or Red Line trains through Navy Yard before and/or after games? Even if they ran them only to clear stadium traffic after the games, the action would clear a huge number of fans and save the chaos of transferring.**

Lots of people are suggesting this, but from what I've heard Metro folks say in the past, this is harder to do than may seem to be the case. Short answer: There are no such plans, and given how quickly Metro clears crowds from RFK and the Verizon Center, it shouldn't be a huge problem.

**Given that the SE-SW freeway would be chock-a-block full of cars when there was a game, how do you think it is going to fare with just the tiny little exit ramp on South Capitol to handle traffic?**

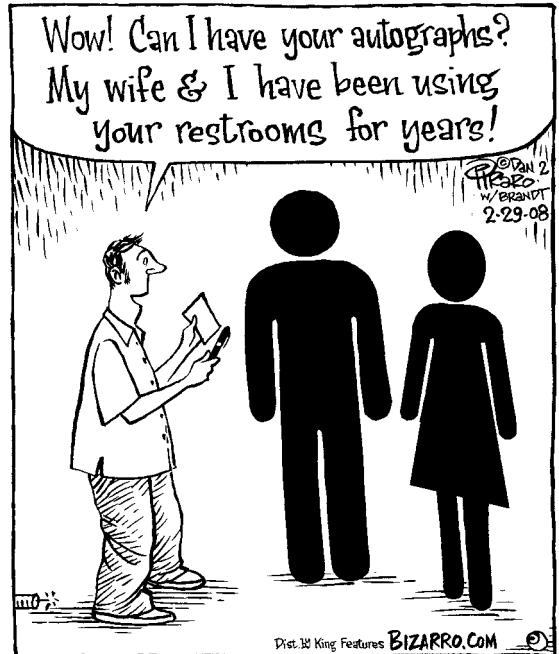
That ramp is the No. 1 transportation disaster in the ballpark district. It could easily have been doubled in width, but the powers that be decided to do nothing. I cannot recommend strongly enough that you avoid that way of getting to weekday games. Weekends shouldn't be so bad.

**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** Carolyn Hax takes your questions about her column and about the strange train we call life at noon. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

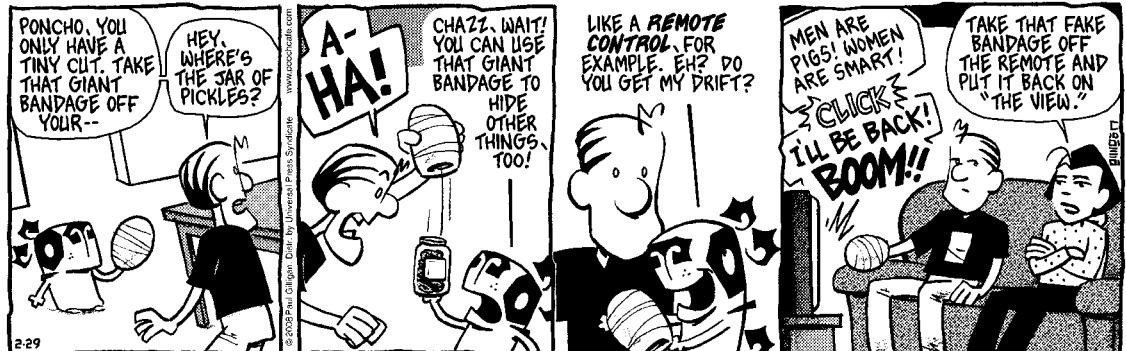
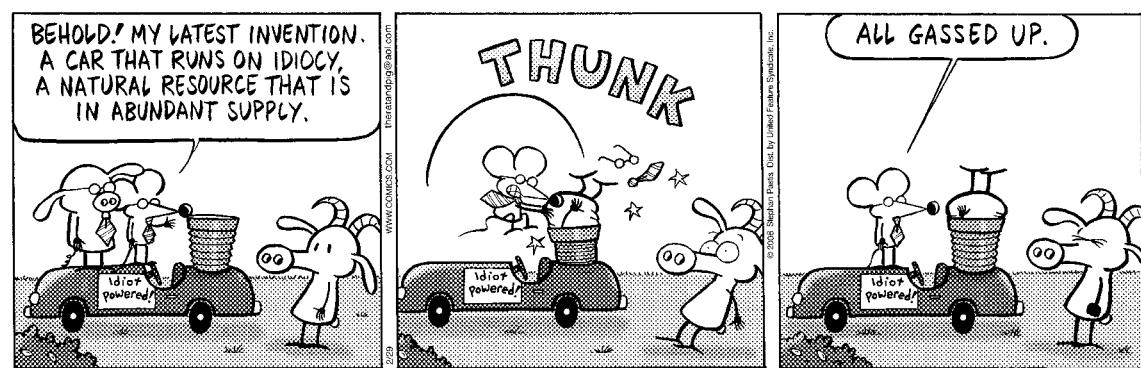
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# LOOK out

**Bizarro** | Dan Piraro

**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin


Never date the guy investigating your husband's sudden and mysterious disappearance.

**Pooch Cafe** | Paul Gilligan

**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis

**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy

**Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) You're likely to get an important update—just in time. Now it's up to you to alter your approach ever so slightly to maximize results.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) A little experimentation at home can provide you with a few wonderful insights that, in turn, will enable you to communicate with greater facility.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Subtlety isn't likely to do the trick; you're going to have to be direct in the expression of your needs and expectations.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Be sure to take care that your ambitions are not wholly unrealistic. It's one thing to want more; it's another altogether to want the impossible.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) What begins quickly cannot be expected to continue at such a pace, but your energy is high and you should be able to maintain an enthusiastic approach.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You can make

things mean a lot more to you simply by altering your own attitude slightly. Consider how things affect others.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Now is no time to forget your manners; how you behave—and especially what you say—is likely to come back to haunt you if you don't use care.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a slow and cautious approach, and you'll surely avoid any major obstacles, though one minor setback may prove inevitable.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This is a good time to shift your focus to something that is perhaps a little less challenging, but no less rewarding. Take a rest.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can prove something to a friend that you haven't even proved to yourself quite yet. The results, of course, can be quite energizing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can take others by surprise and race ahead of the competition. Focus on activities that enable you to get instant feedback.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be wondering why you went to all that trouble, but the fact is that you have yet to see any fruits of your labors. Time will tell.



"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" won a record-tying 11 Oscars in 2004.

**Today in History**

**1504** Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica during his fourth voyage to the West, uses a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

**1940** "Gone With the Wind" wins eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

**1960** The first Playboy Club, featuring waitresses clad

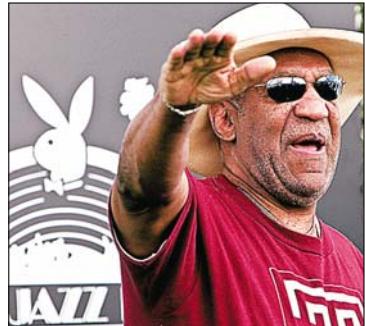
in "bunny" outfits, opens in Chicago.

**1968** President Lyndon B. Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warns that racism is causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal."

**2004** "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" wins a record-tying 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

# LOOK out

## People



Try it: Trailer-park jazz. Fritos and jazz.

## TRASHY

**Say 'Jazz' and It's Classy**

The annual Playboy Jazz Festival turns 30 this year with **BILL COSBY** reprising his longtime role as master of ceremonies at the Hollywood Bowl. The June 14-15 festival will bring back Cosby, who has missed only three turns as host since the first presentation in 1979. (AP)

## DRUGS

**Diet Coke and Cheetos Found in Bloodstream!**

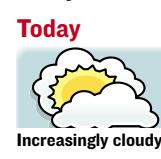
Los Angeles police say they're looking into allegations that someone drugged **BRITNEY SPEARS** but have not decided whether to open a formal investigation. Spears' mother claimed her daughter's companion, Sam Lutfi, drugged Spears. (AP)



## FASHION

**How to Get That Homeless Look**

**MARY-KATE** and **ASHLEY OLSEN** are working on a fashion book titled "Influence." It will include "exclusive photographs of Ashley and Mary-Kate from world-renowned photographer Rankin, and a wide variety of other never-before-seen ... interviews." (AP)

**5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area**

Increasingly cloudy



Cloudy, snow and rain



Partly sunny, breezy



Mostly sunny



Partly sunny, mild



Mostly cloudy, chance of rain

42°

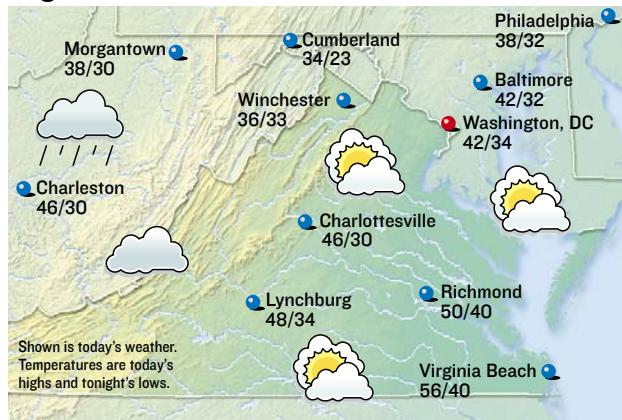
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**Regional Weather**

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**Almanac**

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

**Temperature**

High	36°
Low	22°
Normal high	50°
Normal low	33°
Average humidity	37%

**Precipitation**

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	4.17"
Normal month to date	2.63"
Year to date	5.54"
Last year to date	4.68"
Normal year to date	5.84"

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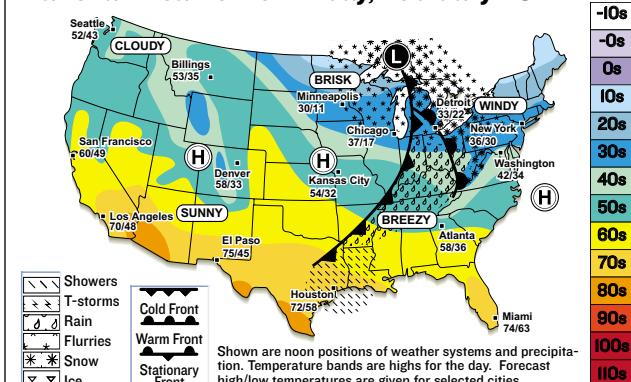
**Regional Forecast**

**D.C. Metro:** Today, increasingly cloudy. High 42. Wind south 7-14 mph. Tonight, cloudy, periods of snow and rain, little or no accumulation. Low 34.

**Sun and Moon**

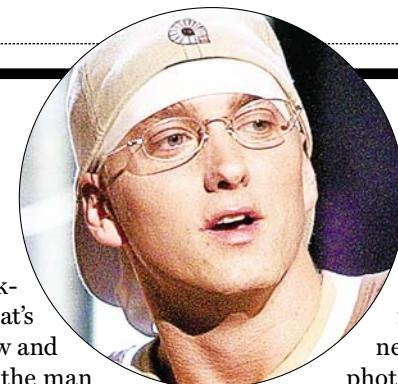
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Sunset tonight ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 1:53 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 10:52 a.m.

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	Mar 7	Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 29

**National Weather for Friday, February 29****National Cities**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	58/36/c	61/36/s	Amsterdam	50/43/c	48/41/pc
Boston	30/27/pc	40/26/sn	Athens	64/43/pc	64/39/s
Chicago	37/17/sn	35/29/pc	Berlin	50/39/pc	45/34/r
Dallas	71/50/pc	71/61/pc	Buenos Aires	79/64/sh	79/61/sh
Denver	58/33/s	67/30/s	Calgary	46/28/s	42/26/pc
Honolulu	82/67/s	81/67/s	Dublin	50/42/r	50/45/pc
Los Angeles	70/48/pc	67/52/pc	Geneva	50/47/r	48/43/r
Miami	74/63/pc	79/64/pc	Moscow	30/25/sf	36/30/sf
New York City	36/30/pc	40/27/sf	Rome	64/41/pc	59/43/pc
Orlando	70/51/s	76/52/pc	Sydney	69/60/pc	69/61/pc
Seattle	52/43/r	49/38/r	Tokyo	54/39/pc	51/38/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



"Why, yes, these are my mother's reading glasses."

Way I Am" this fall. "It will be illustrated with never-before-seen photographs of Eminem's home and life along with original drawings," Dutton said in a statement. The rapper's spokesman said the memoir is still being written and edited. (AP)



ing; he will then decide whether to make any of the ruling public. Media reports suggest McCartney offered Mills about \$50 million and that she wanted at least double that. (AP)



The man on the right is so over Jessica.

# Puzzles

# LOOK out

## CROSSWORD | SIMPLE MATH

### ACROSS

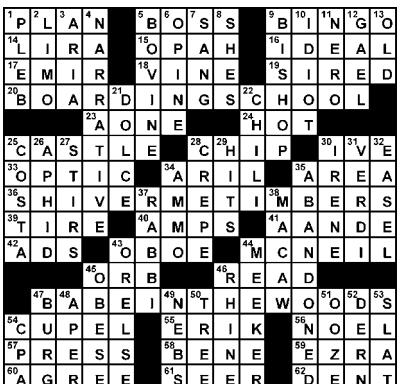
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 43 "Beware the \_\_\_ of March" ("Julius Caesar")  
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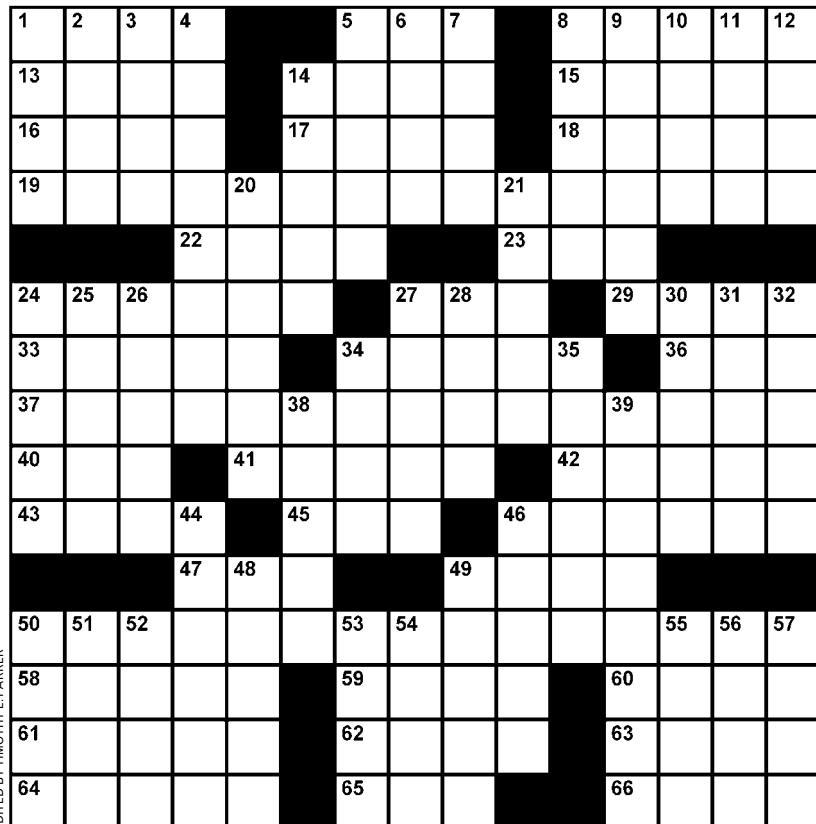
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### Yesterday's Solution



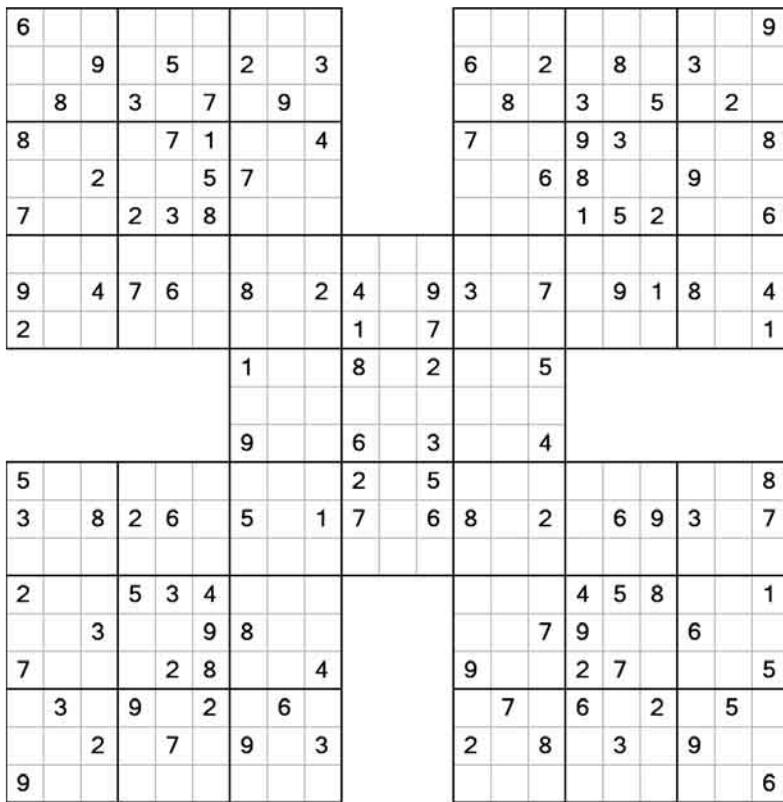
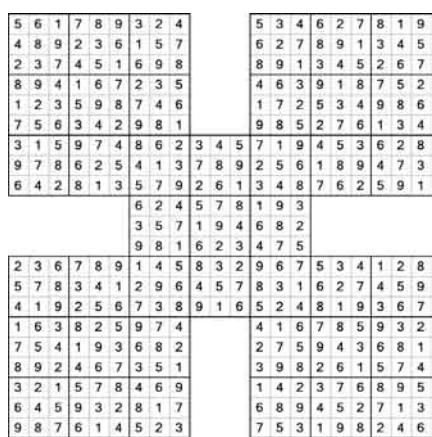
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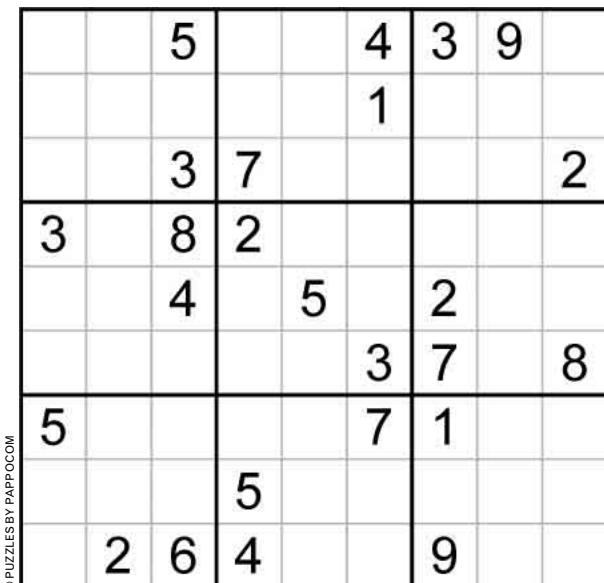
## SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

### Last Week's Solution



## CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD



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### Yesterday's Solution



Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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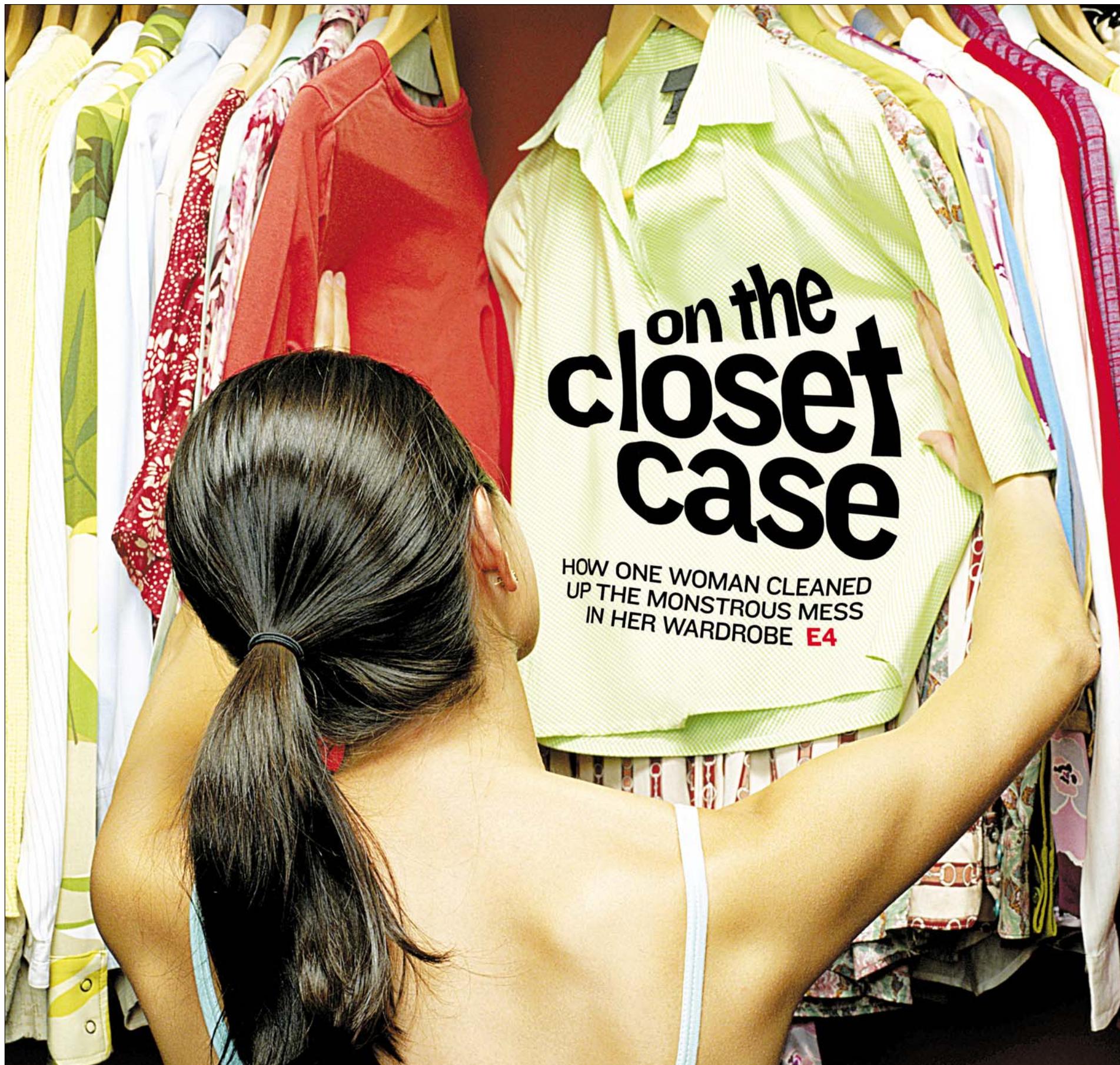
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## on the closet case

HOW ONE WOMAN CLEANED  
UP THE MONSTROUS MESS  
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# face time

■ **Guys, it's not** that Dee Dee Myers doesn't like you. But when she was named the first female White House press secretary in 1993, Myers learned gals don't get their due, hence her book, "Why Women Should Rule the World" (\$25, Harper). She's culled data, interviewed other leading ladies and drawn on her own experiences navigating the D.C. scene.

**How would the world be different if women were in charge?**

They would bring different life experiences and priorities, and broaden the way people think about things. They would create more options for leadership styles. They tend to be more collaborative. Quite frankly, the world would be more peaceful. Just go back and look at the jungle. There are evolutionary reasons for that — just don't tell Mike Huckabee.

**So, why is it so hard for them to get there, particularly Hillary Clinton?**

**What obstacles is she facing?**

Women are expected to be tough, but not too tough. They need to be feminine, but not too feminine. People need to be comfortable with her as commander in chief, but they also want to feel like they can leave

their children in her care. Men don't have to deal with that. You hear it all the time that people think she's sort of bitchy. But McCain can be every bit as surly as he wants. And she's judged infinitely more for her appearance. McCain can wear the same wrinkled suit every day, but she has a bad hair day and it's a national crisis.

**You write that one of your biggest regrets from your time as press secretary is not doing more about your appearance. Why?**

My objective was never to become a fashion icon. I'm a fashion retard, so that's like saying, "I wanted to be a championship figure skater." But you can create authority by the way you dress. Nancy Pelosi nails it — she's elegant, authoritative and

dresses appropriately for her age and rank, so people don't think about it so much.

**Do you feel like you get it now?**

I'm much better, but I'm older and I have more resources. I know that if you don't think you're good at it, you can get help. I'm not the best person to go shopping with, but I know people who are.

**Is there one look from those days that's most upsetting in hindsight?**

Every time I see photos of myself from back then, it's a cavalcade of bad hair. But a lot of that was hangover from the '80s — the big shoulder pads. I see pictures of other people from the time and I feel better.

**What's it like to work from home?**

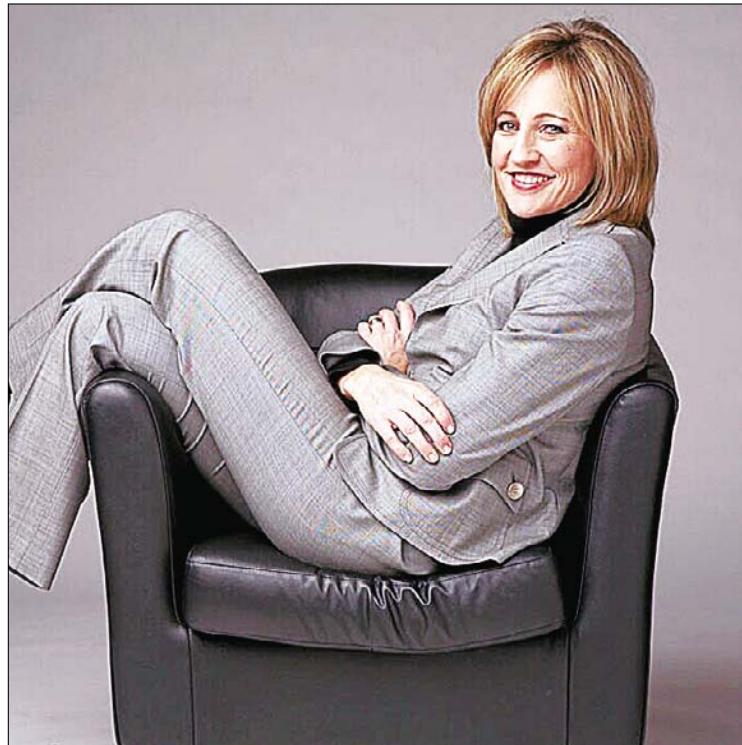
Most days I still shower, but it's not

"Every time I see photos of myself from back then, it's a cavalcade of bad hair."

always the first thing. It gives me great flexibility. The thing you give up is going to an office with other people. But my kids have been really good. I have a door, and they don't really come in here. I'll usually end the day at 5:30 and they'll come get me. It keeps me from letting work bleed over into their time.

**And you manage to get your husband to do all of the cooking?**

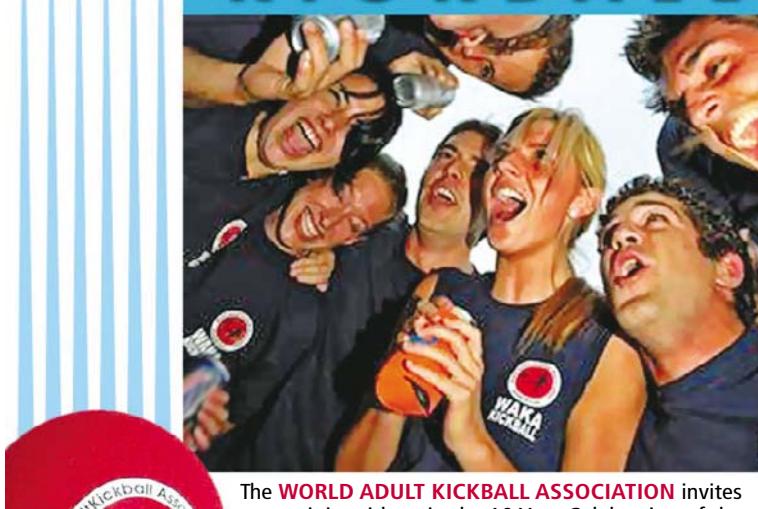
That was how it was always going to be. He's great and loves it, and we eat well. He can do it on the drop of a hat with whatever we have in the kitchen. I cook for the kids because that's easier, but now that they're getting older, they prefer his food. Even his mashed potatoes are better. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



## Dee Dee Myers

AUTHOR, PUNDIT, FORMER FASHION VICTIM

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## Grab Bag



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## All Work and Some Play

**IT'S A COMMON DILEMMA:** you need to wash dishes, but your kid/niece/girlfriend would rather goof around. Thankfully, somebody invented the bubble scrubber (\$6, Calliopeboutique.com). A round hole—just like the ones on the wands—means all you have to do is insert the thing in Palmolive suds, hold it in front of your kisser and blow. Does it speed up after-dinner clean-up? Maybe not.



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## Pads So Rad

**BACKLIT SHELVES** holding shoes, rooms divided by hanging mesh curtains and corrugated tin walls are among the mod, delightfully odd design elements shown in "150 Best Loft Ideas" (\$30, Collins Design). There's not much text, but with this dreamy real-estate porn, who needs words?



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## Wear It With a Twist

**REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME** you saw Heinz's upside-down ketchup bottle? Yeah, we got the same kind of smirk using Lorac's Breakthrough Performance Foundation (\$38, Sephora). The ingenious twist-top pump means no dipping or pouring, and one squirt will cover almost your whole face. It's lotion-y, but dries to a subtle powder finish that smoothes skin tones without looking heavy.

## dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBUGGER

I just purchased a Max Azria jersey knit wrap dress to wear during an upcoming trip to Ireland. It has 3/4-length sleeves and is black with a green-and-white print. Can I wear this dress with knee-high boots during the early spring? —LESLIE

■ Manolo says, Max Azria and Ireland! Truly, this is the combination the Manolo has never considered.

But then, the Manolo's mental image of Ireland is firmly planted in the



distant and picturesque past of red-headed peoples in tweed who carry the shillelaghs in one hand and the pints of Guinness in the other.

Of course, the new Ireland is the dynamic and modern place where digitally savvy immigrants from foreign lands mingle with the natives in the fancy gastro-pubs serving nouvelle Irish cuisine, like corned-kobe and bok choy. Even Irish fashion has begun to make its mark, with designers like Pauric Sweeney, Margaret O'Leary, and the shoe designer Eileen Shields, whose main store is in the Old City part of Dublin, and is well worth the visit.

Naturally, you will need the boots to outfit you before your Irish shopping expedition, and so the Manolo recommends the Connie from Bruno Magli (\$602, Zappos.com). It is simple, elegant, beautiful and eminently wearable.



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# Styles | home



**CLOSET CRUSADER:** Virginia stylist/organizer Margaret Lilly of Lilly's Closet with a client's closet she whipped into shape.

helps clients corral their wardrobes with her business Lilly's Closet ([Lillyscloset.online](http://Lillyscloset.online)). "People don't have enough room for clothes. They don't look at closets realistically when they shop for a home," says Angelo Surmeli, an L.A. interior designer and host of HGTV's "24 Hour Design."

Next time I buy a house, I'll aim for a palace with a movie star-size walk-in. But until then, the reality is I have two 4-foot-long closets packed with an admittedly huge amount of stuff. Boots litter the floors, stacks of biking shorts teeter in precarious stacks on high shelves, and blazers pack the hanging bar tighter than the floor of a sold-out 9:30 Club show. Before Mt. Wardrobe erupts again, I need help. So, I call the pros.

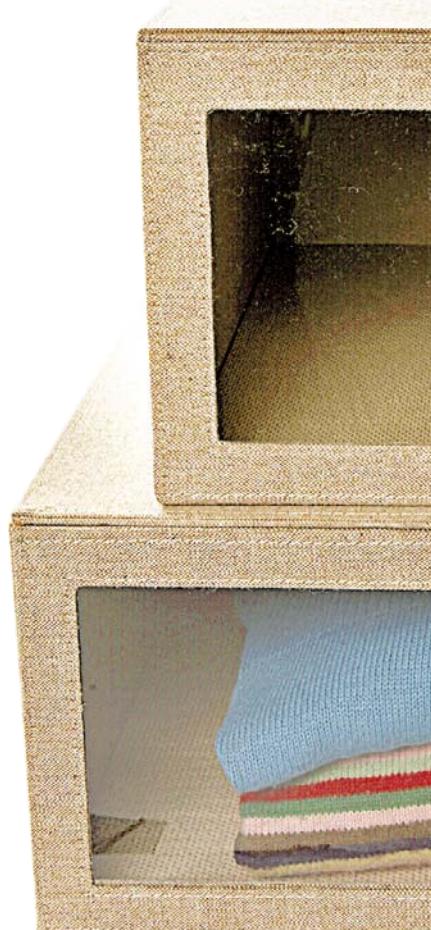
"There's no way you could've staged this," says Lilly, assessing my closets a few days after the purse incident. She raises her eyebrows at blouses messily hanging on door hooks and runs her hand along a section of printed skirts. She asks, "Really, Jennifer, do you wear these?" I glance at the look-at-my-butt numbers and agree it's time to send to those uglies to Goodwill.

Lilly and other organizing experts agree: Purging is vital before binging on a closet redo — or another Coach purse. "If you're thinking of getting rid of something, ask yourself, 'How does it make me feel?'" says L.A. stylist Barbra Horowitz, who advocates reworking old T-shirts and dresses by dyeing, cutting or shortening in her book "Closet Control" (Sterling, \$23). "There's no wardrobe mistress in your house. Even if you spent a lot of money, you can say, 'I don't want this anymore.'"

There's also the old rule "if you haven't worn something in two years, get rid of it." But you can also make your own laws. Banish unloved items after six months, or keep a garment bag of pieces with sentimental value in an extra closet. Don't know what to pitch? "Bring a friend in, someone who will be frank, not someone who will sugar-coat about whether something looks good on you," says Lilly.

With a bagful of skirts gone — and one old cashmere sweater chickly shrunk and snipped into a cardi per Horowitz's advice — I set about taming my closets.

Sadly, to clean things up, I've got to make a mess, so every shoe, belt,



# Wardrobe → & Peace

How one clotheshorse writer conquered her messy closet and tamed a mountain of boots

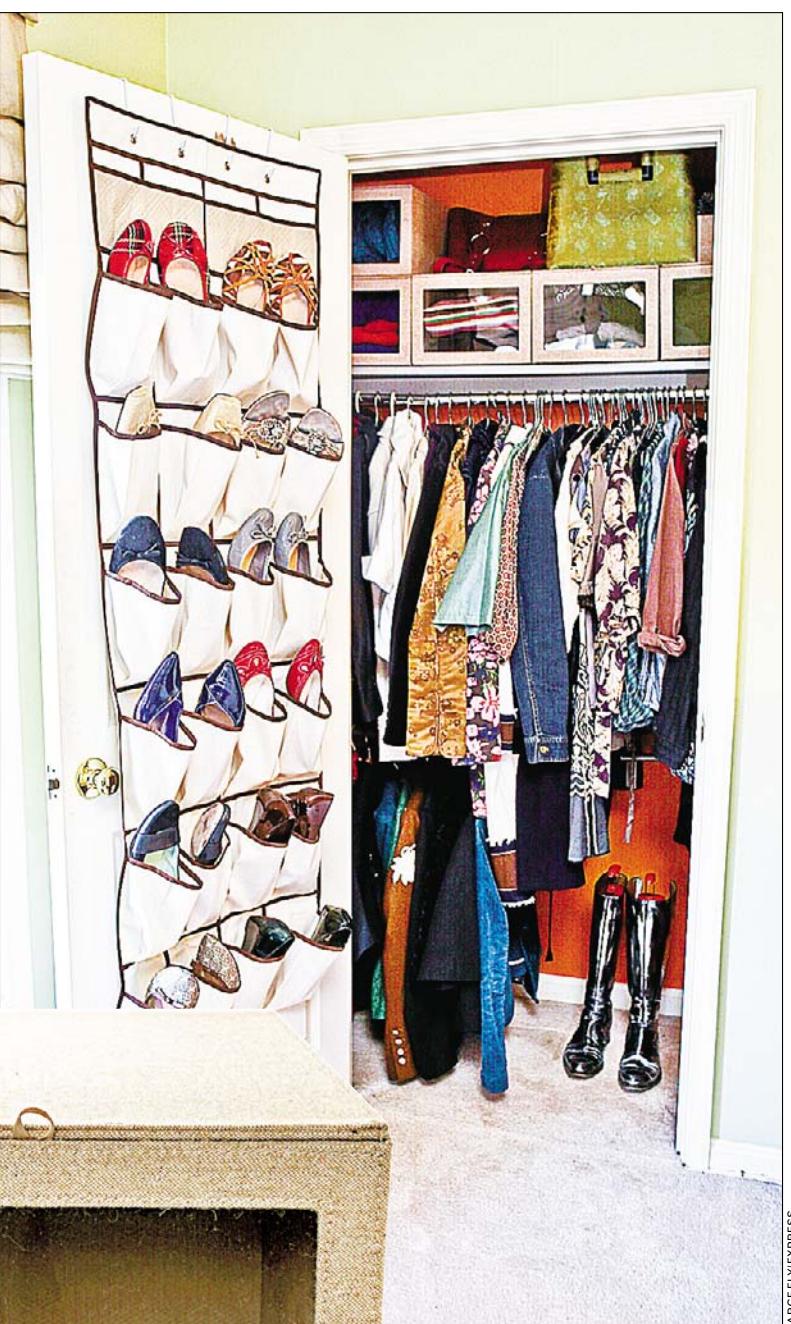
"Gimme my Marc Jacobs jacket, you jerk!" It was an early morning in January, and I wasn't fending off a fashion-mad mugger: I was fighting with my crammed-with-crap closet.

Jamming a hand onto a shelf above where the yellow silk bolero

should've been, I dug for my new Old Navy jeans, instead knocking down a plastic bin. Purses I hadn't seen since the Clinton administration spilled onto the floor. It looked like another day when I'd go to work in an outfit based on what I could find, not what I'd wanted to wear.

Unable to locate fave sweaters, bombarded by falling accessories — my dealings with my closets can be described only as dysfunctional. And mine isn't the only sartorial disaster area: In 2006, Americans spent more than \$2 billion trying to wrangle their wardrobes, according to the Association of Closet and Storage Professionals.

"It's challenging for people to have a space that they have to act as the architect of," says Alexandria's Margaret Lilly, who



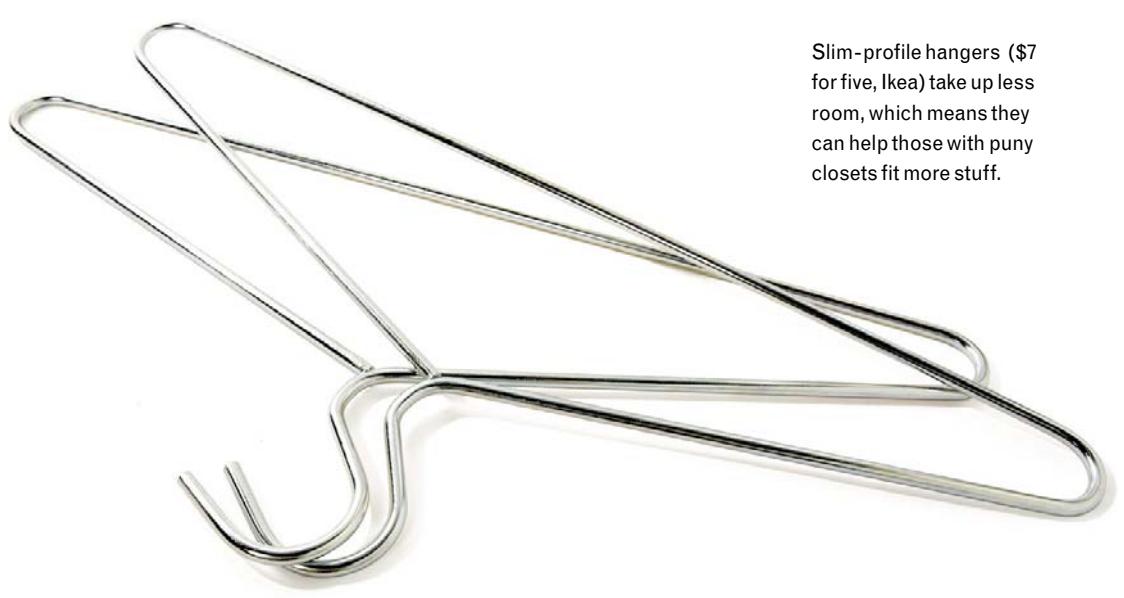
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#### ↑ CLOTHES CULL

With the help of scarf hangers, shoe caddies and many, many storage bins, the author was able to clean up her closet act. For a shocking before photo, visit [Readexpress.com](http://Readexpress.com).

#### ← STASH AND CARRY

See-through shirt and sweater boxes (\$25 and \$30, [Containerstore.com](http://Containerstore.com)) keep folded items neat.



Slim-profile hangers (\$7 for five, [Ikea](http://Ikea.com)) take up less room, which means they can help those with puny closets fit more stuff.

pair of cords and frock comes out. The closets look nude and strangely forlorn with their scratched, pasty white walls, but I'm about to fix that. "Make your closets fun, maybe by painting them inside" says San Francisco designer Karen McAloon and host of HGTV's "Find Your Style." "It gives a little pop that makes it fun to open the door."

After a couple of coats of a pumpkin-y orange from Benjamin Moore, the two gaping rectangles do look more inviting. But I'm not ready to put things back in — I've got shopping to do while the paint dries. Lilly and Surmelis have ordered me to replace my mishmash of hangers with identical, skinny steel ones (\$7 for 5 at [Ikea](http://Ikea.com)). "They're narrow, so they'll give you more room," says Lilly.

Many of the wardrobe woeful rehab their closets with pricey Elfa shelving systems from the Container Store or custom-built-ins from places like California Closets, where the average client spends about \$3,000 per project. Organizers and stylists like Lilly also do house calls and either install or recommend closet systems; their rates vary. Lilly, for example, charges \$100 per hour. She thinks I can simply increase my space with double-hang rods (\$20 each, the Container Store).

Armed with 200 new steel hangers, I put away dresses, pants, tops and skirts, sorting by color and style. I hadn't bought into uniform hangers being better, but once I see the mod beauties neatly lined up, I understand. "It's like merchandising a boutique," says Horowitz. Sure enough, my once messy closets now look a bit like Barneys Co-Op.

But stacks of sweaters and boxes of boots and shoes still need to go back in the closets. To make my shelves less rummage sale-like and to organize my stacks of clothes, all the pros have recommended clear, stackable drawers. The 12 khaki tweed-covered numbers I choose come in shirt, sweater and shoe varieties (\$17-\$30, the Container

exercise shorts and tops, stashing them on my bedside table shelves. The effect? Boutique-hotel cool — and now I can quickly grab my togs before early-morning Spin class.

"Look around the house for space that you aren't using," says McAloon. "If you've got a china cabinet and no dishes, fill it with shoes. I have a client in Manhattan who doesn't cook who stores linens in her oven."

My husband already keeps his clothes in the guestroom closet, so I don't think he'd like my army of shoes and boots invading the kitchen cabinets. But there has to be a better way than the heaps of boxes formerly crowding the closet floor. "Hang your boots from boot trees," suggest Lilly.

I buy some; they're basically oversize shoe trees with hooks (\$10, Container Store). I suspend six pairs of boots from another double rod in one closet. It looks as if people are hiding behind the clothes, but the trees work nicely. Flats and sneakers go in an over-the-door pocket organizer. "Boxes take up so much storage space," says Surmelis. My heels stay in boxes, but now there's room to stack them neatly on the floor.

Weeks later, I'm still marveling at how my closets look and function. Instead of chucking shoes on the floor or cramming jeans on the shelf, I'm keeping the chic little caves neat. The pricey storage boxes help me walk a neat line. OK, I've spent my spring clothing budget on organizing bling, but, for once, there's a place for everything, and everything is staying in its place. And my closets and I haven't argued in ages. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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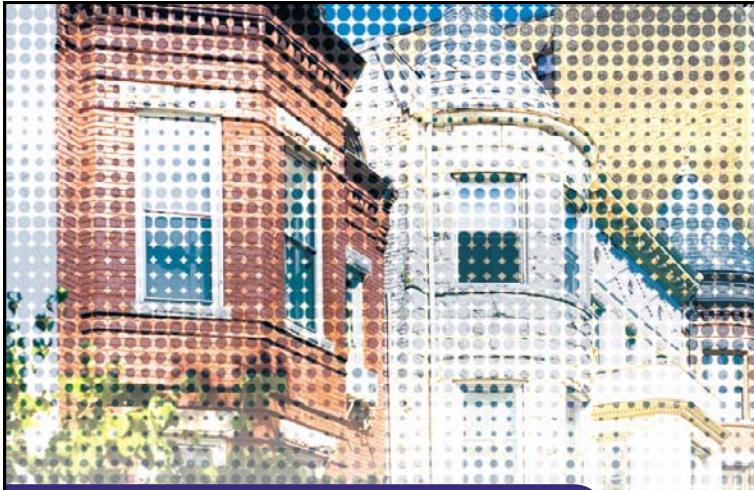


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More than 4,000 readers voted, and the couple taking home \$33,000 in gift certificates from Express' second Wedding Giveaway is Amanda Salamone, 28, and Jake Olcott, 28.

The business school student and attorney met in high school, but although Jake had a crush on Amanda, they were from different worlds: Hers was student government and the dance team; his

was tennis and debate. Six years later, Amanda, whose mother was killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon, found a note from Jake as she was looking through the cards — many unopened — she'd received after Sept. 11.

When his name started popping up in random conversations, Amanda decided to track him down. After exchanging friendly e-mails, they ran in to each other

at a Thanksgiving party and "it was love at first sight."

The pair plans to marry in the D.C. area in May 2009. The dress, Ireland honeymoon, jewelry, dance lessons, catering, cake, invitations, photography and planning will be provided by Express' wedding sponsors; so will spa services, personal training, cosmetic dentistry, reception services, camera equipment and a dinner cruise. (EXPRESS)

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JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



"Does this bargain make me look fat?" District Sample Sale fiends at last fall's event.

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## Tomeka Jackson Joseph Burney Jr.

Tomeka, 34, is a receptionist. Joseph, 42, does quality control for Paradigm Construction. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** An informal ceremony in Upper Marlboro on March 7. The reception is the next day in Greenbelt. The couple will enter to Brian McKnight's "Never Felt This Way." Tomeka's father, who is a pastor, will say a blessing.

■ **How They Met:** A New Year's Eve party in 2005 at the house of a mutual pal. "We innocently flirted all night," says Tomeka.

■ **First Impression:** "I thought he was

hilarious," says Tomeka. "I was turned on by his jokes."

■ **First Date:** Drinks at T.G.I. Friday's. ■ **How He Proposed:** Lying in bed one morning, Joe seemed jittery, Tomeka recalls: "He was telling me how much he loved me. He reached over and grabbed his cellphone because he was looking at the calendar," she says. "I didn't know why." It became a little clearer when he proposed moments later.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Her blue wrap dress," says Joseph. "I hate it!" "These green shorts he wears around the house," counters Tomeka.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "We were arguing over me pulling his phone charger out of the outlet," says Tomeka. "We argued forever and then realized how stupid it was."

■ **Their Song:** "For You" by Kenny Lattimore.

**"I thought that he was hilarious. I was turned on by his jokes."**



## Love Knows No Distance

When **EMMANUEL EKWO** traveled from the U.S. to his homeland of Nigeria, the plan was simply to reconnect with friends and family. That changed when he arrived in the town of Aba to see a pal and met **ANNE OGBONNA**. "She was a strikingly attractive young lady," he says. Eman "was a romantic and intelligent guy with a lot of dreams," she recalls. They kept in touch for a while but fell out of contact when Anne moved to Perth, Australia.

Three years later, in August 2005, they reconnected on a Nigerian online forum. The following July, Anne flew to D.C. for their first date and stayed for a month. "I told my parents I was going to visit a friend," she says. "They assumed it was a girl." The pair spent the next couple days wine and dining in D.C. before jetting off to Vegas. Eman popped the question this past August while visiting Anne in Perth, where they'll wed on March 8 in full Nigerian regalia.

Eman, 29, is a policy analyst. Anne, 24, is a fluid analysis engineer. They live in Hyattsville.

## Aaron Davis Alison Evans

Aaron, 31, is an elementary school teacher. Alison, 32, is a program analyst at the Environmental Protection Agency. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** They will wed in a non-denominational ceremony on March 5. Since the ceremony takes place on Maryland's Kent Island, Aaron's pals plan to wear Hawaiian shirts and flip-flops. "I'm OK with that," he says, "but only for the wedding day."

### ■ **Honeymoon:**

A resort in the Dominican Republic.

### ■ **How They Met:**

Craigslist.org.

### ■ **First Impression:**

"He was wearing these terrible pants and looked a bit scruffy. ... Then he started talking," says Alison. "So friendly and sweet."

Says Aaron: "I was intrigued by her love of science fiction. I had never met a sci-fi geek before."



### ■ **First Date:**

Drinks at Saint-Ex.

### ■ **How He Proposed:**

On a bike ride on the County Connector Trail in Fairfax.

It started to rain, with lightning and hail, but when Aaron pulled Alison under some trees, he was seeking more than shelter. "He suddenly bends down on one knee and says, 'How's your tire pressure?' I look down and he's holding a ring," says Alison.

■ **Their Song:** "For Once in My Life" by Stevie Wonder.

■ **When It Hit:** "I was telling all my friends I was going to marry Ali at a 2006 New Year's Eve party," says Aaron. Alison remembers that night well: "He asked me, 'Do you know I've been telling everyone I'm going to marry you?' I was elated, smiled and said, 'Don't you dare ask me when you are drunk!'"



## Katherine Anderson Stewart Wight

Katherine, 27, is a management analyst. Stewart, 27, is a Foreign Service officer. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal ceremony in McLean and a reception in D.C. on March 29. Katherine will walk to Handel's "Hornpipe No. 2". Also, she says, "the prelude will include a song from each of our parents' weddings."

■ **How They Met:** Eharmony.com.

■ **First Impression:** "He had a lot of energy," she says. "And he was tall!"

■ **First Date:** After dinner at Indique, "I taught her how to throw a football while she was in a dress and heels," says Stewart. "I didn't let on that I had thrown a football before," Katherine says.

■ **How He Proposed:** "On our eight-month anniversary, I bought different

**"I had a pretty good feeling about this after the first date."**

colored roses for eight of the different rooms (bathroom included!) of our apartment," says Stewart. Each flower indicated a phase of their relationship. The final stop, the living room, included a ring.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "I'm wearing the ball gown-style dress I wore when I was a debutante in my hometown of Huntsville, Ala.," says Katherine. Stewart will honor his Scottish roots by wearing his clan's tartan as a cummerbund.

■ **Making It Unique:** Each reception table will be named after locales important to the pair. Also, they're "giving out maps as favors so guests can find where Stewart's first post, Belarus, is!"



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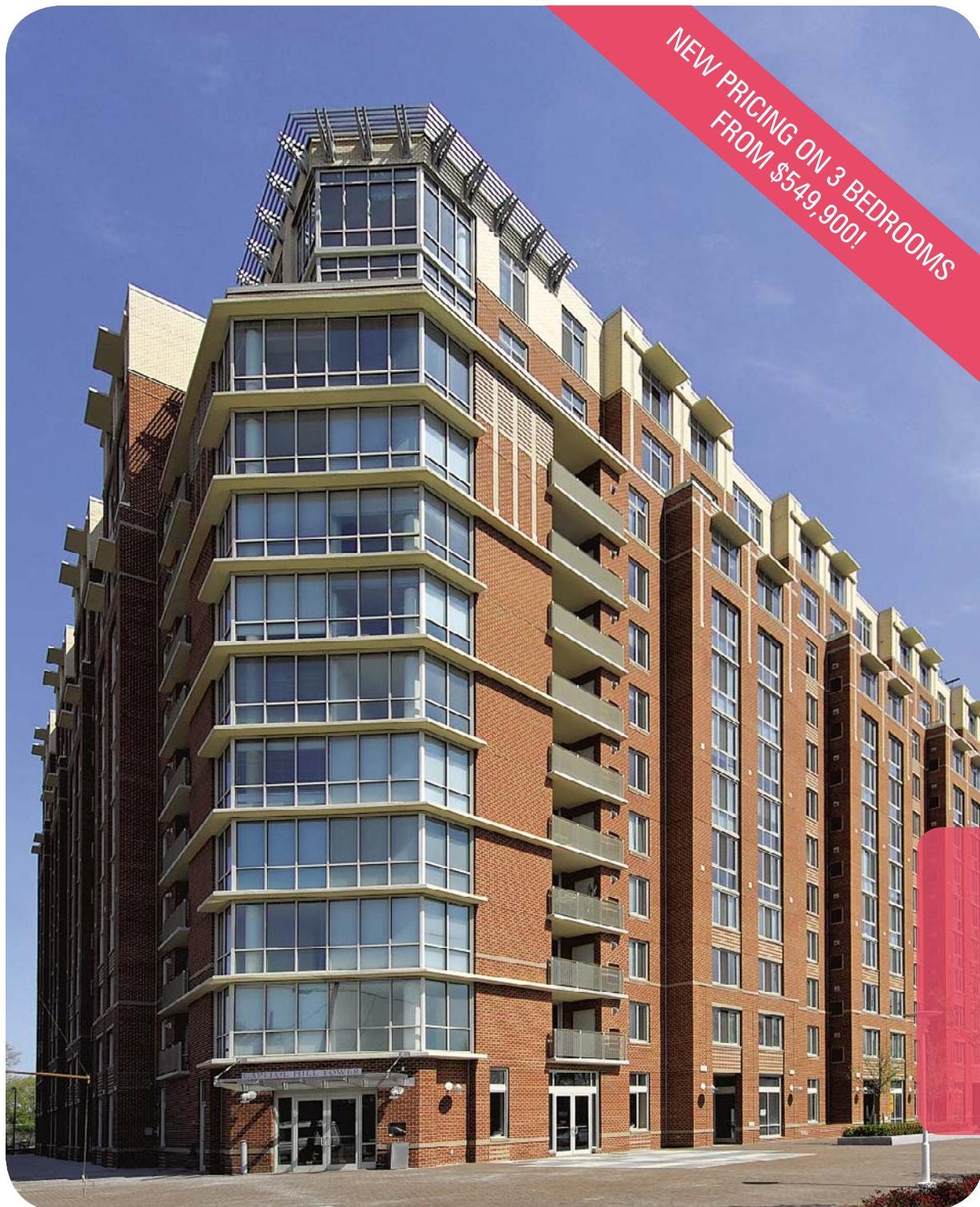
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Forget worrying about whether to go with a white linen or ivory damask tablecloth at your next dinner bash — your condo is so tiny, it can't actually fit a dining table. And yes, that Indonesian shindig in the latest issue of "Food and Wine" looks groovy, but where are you going to put 40 mango martini-swilling friends in your 500-square-foot junior one-bedroom? Entertaining

in cramped quarters might sound more challenging than becoming a Cordon Bleu chef, but it is possible to host a fete that's big on style even in the smallest studio.

"You've got to play around with the space a little bit," says Josh Short, executive pastry chef at Buzz in Alexandria (901 Slaters Lane), who himself lives in a 750-square-foot, one-bedroom in Dupont Circle. He entertains several times a month, throwing events that have ranged from four-course dinner parties to cocktail receptions for 30. "Utilizing your space properly is definitely the biggest challenge," says Short. "You really need



At parties in his one-bedroom, Josh Short serves food on every available surface.

**“Remove chairs from your dining-room table and do a buffet. It's a great way to open up the traffic flow.”**

MARIA MCBRIDE, COOKBOOK AUTHOR

to experiment. Be creative and use all the space you have."

Short, who doesn't have room for a dining-room table, stores a card table and folding chairs under the couch, pulling it out for dinner parties. "A card table sounds tacky, but you can do it up really well," says Short, who had a beige tablecloth and chair covers made for the set.

There are plenty of creative ways to play host in diminutive digs, from arranging furniture to decorating. First, make sure your pad is free of knickknacks and stacks of mail, says Maria McBride, author of the about-

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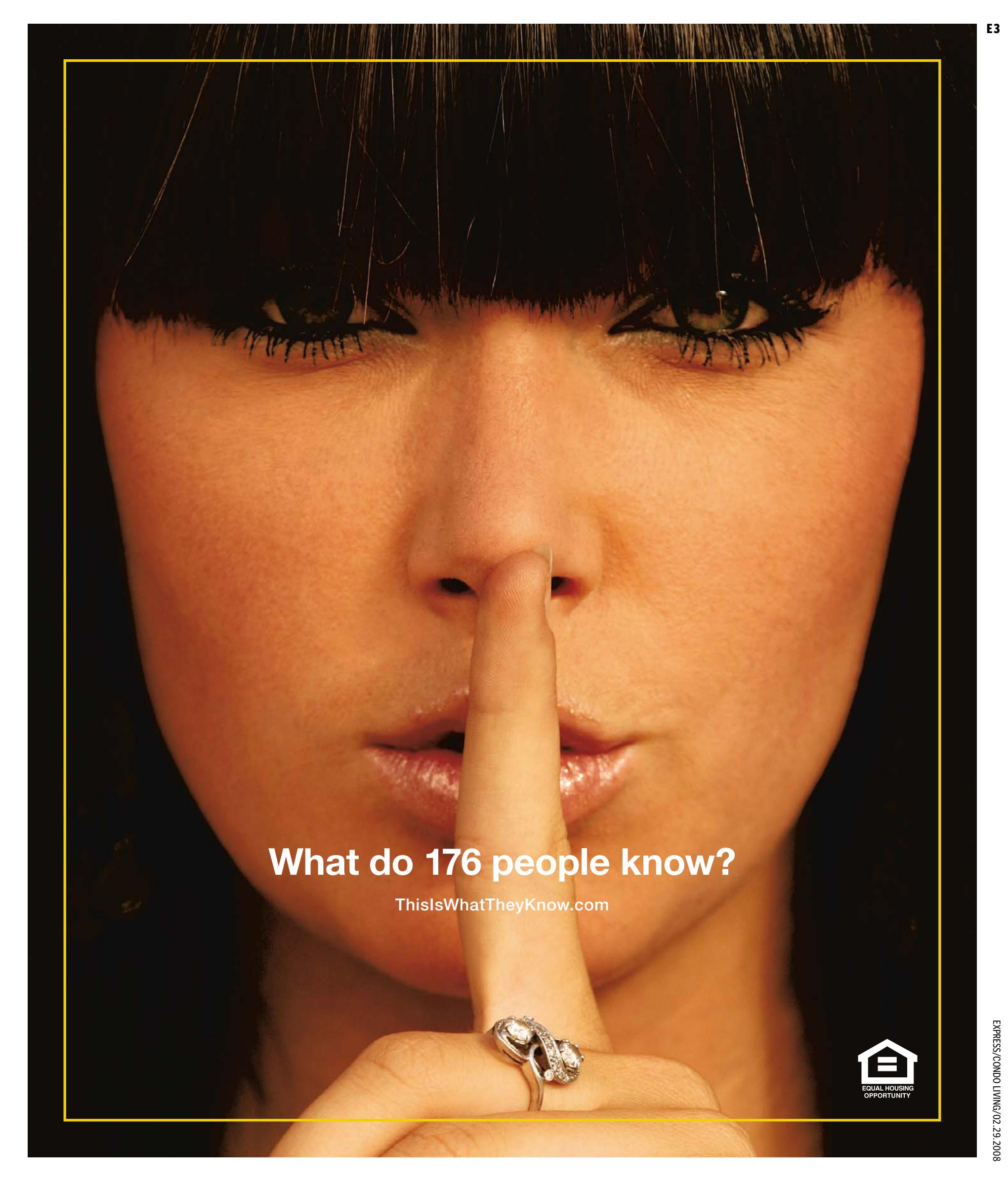
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## Bitty Bashes

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to-be-released "Party Basics for New Nesters" (Collins, \$27). "You not only have more space to put things, but if a space is less cluttered, it instantly looks larger," she says.

Before inviting pals over, consider not just where everyone is going to sit or stand, but where you'll put the vittles and vino. Think about how guests will trek through the party on their way to snacks and cocktails. "Eliminate bottlenecks," says McBride. "For example, remove the chairs from your dining room table and do a buffet. It's a great way to open up the traffic flow."

If space is at a premium, that sometimes means spreading your spread throughout your condo. "Set things up in different places so that people don't all congregate in one area or one room," says Garrett Graff, 26, editor at large at Washingtonian magazine. "Have the drinks in a different room or in a different area of the room than the food." Forget stacking platters of cupcakes on the back of the toilet in the bathroom, but utilize any other

surface — desktops, end tables, even a bedroom dresser.

Graff, who lives in a two-bedroom in Woodley Park, hosts two to three bashes a month, from dinner parties for eight to cocktails for 20 to brunch buffets for 60. "If you have room for a table, six people is comfortable for a dinner party," says McBride. "If you want more people, then a cocktail party or buffet is a good way to go."

Like many experienced hosts, Graff knows that advance prep work is vital to squeezing a lot of fun into a teeny space. "If you're having a large party, it has to be ready when people show up," says Graff. "The more people, the less room you have to prep food. Counter space is a challenge."

The first time Graff hosted a brunch, he made pancakes and scrambled eggs. He found that just didn't work — it took up too much counter space and people congregated in the kitchen, making the then-crowded room difficult to maneuver.

"I've evolved the menu so that every single thing is made when the first person shows up at the door,"



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At a recent bash at Josh Short's pad, Jackie Berra digs into the teeny sandwiches.

says Graff, who now includes make-ahead stuff like quiche and bacon twists (bacon wrapped around a breadstick with brown sugar and pepper). "Everything is prepared and waiting to go into the oven."

Limiting drink options can also

keep a snug residence from morphing into a scene from "Old School." To simplify his cocktail parties, Graff offers wine, beer and just one or two specialty cocktails instead of operating a full bar.

"If you ask people what they

want, they'll name a wide variety of things," he says. "But people will be happy with one well-made drink. I have a stable of eight or 10 cocktails. I'll pick a couple based on the event, the time of day and how many people are coming."

Even with plenty of planning, throwing a party in a small condo can be tough. Erin Tassey, 28, a public-affairs director, lives in a one-bedroom in Cleveland Park. She's started to hold casual gatherings, like a cocktail hour with her girlfriends and a Fourth of July barbecue at her apartment's pool.

Tassey has hit on one of the secrets to making a big impression even if your digs are tiny: Use a common area — an apartment rooftop deck, a condo community room — to alleviate the pressure of piling a couple dozen folks into a couple hundred square feet.

Recently, Tassey hosted an Urban Family Dinner inside her apartment. "It's an impromptu dinner with close friends and everyone brings a little something," she says. "It's like Sunday dinner. We look at our friends in the city as our urban

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## FAST FOCUS

### Chef Copes With A Tiny Kitchen

When Barton Seaver bought his Dupont Circle condo last year, he didn't care that the kitchen was tiny. He didn't even mind the Formica countertops, linoleum floors and electric range. "I saw the kitchen, and I knew I could use it and said, 'Good enough.'"

Such indifference may sound surprising coming from a professional chef and sommelier at Hook restaurant in Georgetown, where the kitchen is specifically designed to be a "showpiece, part of the entertainment."

But that's where he works. At home, a much more modest space suits Seaver just fine. "I have zero complaints," says the 28-year-old D.C. native. "It serves me and my girlfriend well. It's not a kitchen where you can have kids, but that's not my life now. I'm not home enough to require a masterpiece kitchen. I'm perfectly happy to have more dining room space."

When Seaver cooks at home, it's typically on Sundays and — he says he hates to sound cliched, but — it's usually something bought at the farm-



LEN SPODEN/TWP

ers market that morning. His favorite meal: roast chicken. "It's a satisfying to cook and to eat. There is something very soothing and comforting about it." (Foodies, take note: He braises the chicken and slides thinly sliced lemon and butter under the skin.)

Trophy-kitchen dreamers, also take note: Seaver says smaller spaces have big advantages. They're easier to clean, and they enforce organization. "Training as a chef is learning to cook in very small spaces," he says. "Restaurant kitchens have very small spaces." Plus, he says, a little kitchen "stays very much a kitchen — not a storage place, a TV room or a place to lose the keys."

Which is not to say he would not enjoy having a generous space one day. His ultimate kitchen would be "in a farmhouse where the entire first floor is nothing but kitchen and living space." It would have warm natural light, painted pine cabinets, marble countertops, a farmhouse sink and varnished pine floors "that are worn in the front of the stove and sink."

What he would really love, though, is an old cast-iron, wood-burning stove with four burners, painted a smoky

blue like his current kitchen walls.

"I love cooking with wood," he says. "When the cooking source becomes an ingredient on its own, it's just sexy."

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT HIS KITCHEN:** Though it's small, it has plenty of countertop space.

**LEAST FAVORITE THING:** The lighting. "Overhead lighting, in general, is not good."

**WISHES HE HAD:** A gas range.

"Electric works fine, but gas is infinitely better."

**COOKING TIPS:** You need only one good knife: a six- or seven-inch all-purpose model. Clean as you go. It helps keep work surfaces clean.

"Home cooks clean up after; restaurant cooks clean as they go. Chefs never make anything dirty."

**ON WHITE DISHES:** "The food should stand out, not the plates. White plates will always look good."

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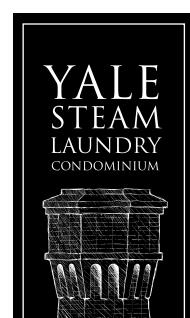
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At Josh Short's condo, a charcuterie board packs a big punch in a small area.

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family. It's not meant to be fancy."

Tassey made lasagna ahead of time so she could hang out with her five guests, and asked everyone to pitch in by bringing appetizers or dessert.

Casual gatherings like that can help inexperienced hosts take stock of how their space, cooking techniques and furniture works out before they attempt larger, more elaborate parties.

Tassey, for one, discovered, "I don't have all of the plates and glasses and tablecloths and things that are necessary for a more formal dinner party. I do have a lot of fun stuff that I've inherited from my parents and grandparents. I've been the family trashcan for that kind thing. I'd like some matching things. But where am I going to put all of that stuff? I'm packed."

Indeed, figuring out where to stash gear when the party's over is challenging. It's possible to rent glasses and plates from a company like Party Rental Ltd. (Partyrentalltd.com), but that's probably more trouble and expense than most people want to go to.

"Any party with more than 20 people, I just serve in plastic," says

Graff. "Below 20 I have a couple of boxes of glasses. But I don't worry about making sure everything matches."

Short suggests borrowing serving pieces from friends with larger places or snagging inexpensive glassware from Linens N Things or Ikea. "You can buy a pack of 10 or 12 wine glasses for about \$10," he says. "I keep them in the box and store them under the bed or behind a bookshelf or in a closet. You make it work."

**No storage space? Stash wine glasses in long boxes under the bed.**

McBride suggests thinking about how you can use the serving pieces you do have in different, unusual ways — salad or dessert in a martini glass, meatloaf baked in a ramekin.

Ultimately, the most vital ingredients for a good party are creativity and good friends. "We've sat on the floor," says Short, who used oversized pillows around a coffee table for a casual dinner. "Play with it. It's supposed to be fun." KELLY DINARDO

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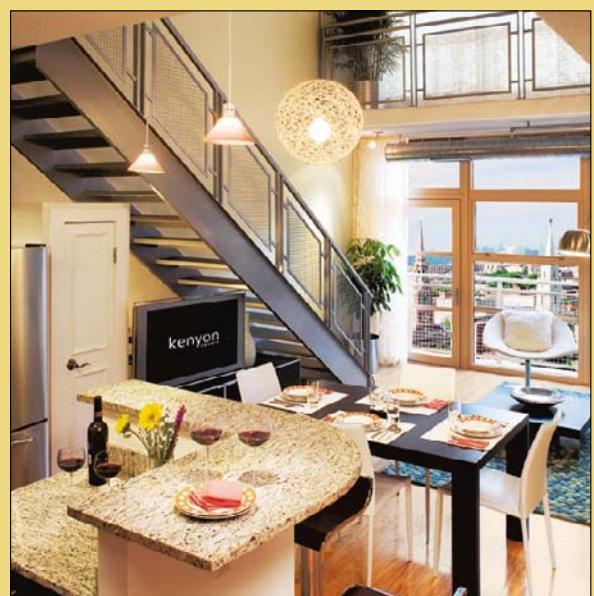
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# Really, He's a Gate Guy

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Steven Donerson has a simple goal when he starts his work day at 9 a.m. A doorman at the Park Potomac Place condo complex in Potomac, Md., he'd like to walk outside and quickly scan the entrance way for that rare stray piece of litter.

"Usually I get a call before I even get the broom outside," he chuckles. Someone's entry card isn't working. The fitness room temperature needs adjusting. A resident wants help with a flat tire. Every day, there's an unpredictable roulette of requests.



REQUEST DRESSED: Park Potomac Place doorman Steven Donerson is on duty.

Not that he's complaining: The 40-year-old D.C. native enjoys helping residents in the 10-story building with everything from picking up packages to advising would-be Romeos on which kind of flowers they should get their sweeties on Valentine's Day. As the holiday approached, Donerson became a popular petal pusher. "I'm like, 'Eh — you don't want to do red. When was the last time you were in the doghouse? Three days ago? You definitely don't want to do red! You might want to do yellow, you might want to do pink. And if you're really in the doghouse, you just do purple.'"

Sure, he wears a gray uniform with navy lapels and brass buttons. He opens the door with a "Welcome to Park Potomac Place" and a big

grin. But this self-professed perfectionist is much more than a smiling face who parks residents' cars and brings up their mail.

He'll wax nostalgic about the days in the '80s and '90s when he drummed with Tone Loc. A history buff? He'll show you a book of D.C. architecture he keeps in the lobby. He's a confidant: "When you deal with people on an every day basis, you develop a rapport with them," he says. "They'll tell you things they would never tell their family members." It's a good thing he's also good at keeping secrets.

Donerson is part of a new generation of pros who are stealthily and steadily integrating themselves into a few higher-end condos in the D.C. area. Call them hospitality hybrids, men and women who roll the responsibilities of gatekeepers, concierges and all-around go-to-guys (or gals) into one friendly package.

Doorman-building lovers in New York City have long realized that a familiar face at the front desk



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is nice. But many modern condo owners in D.C. also like having a mobile person who can be immediately dialed to cater to their needs, or sometimes, whims.

Some condos have aligned themselves with upscale hotels to benefit from the prestigious perks and door people. The Jamieson in Alexandria is located above a Westin; The Waterview in Rosslyn features units within the new Hotel Palomar. But a few other complexes are striking out on their own to provide the upscale service.

Don't feel like circling block after block to park your Prius or Audi? The doormen at Midtown Reston Town Center and Midtown Bethesda North will take your keys (for no fees, besides your condo ones).

"At Reston and Bethesda, where it's a more urban environment, there's not a lot of parking," says Nicole M. Jones, senior sales and marketing manager at Kettler, which developed both buildings and plans to have similar services at future locations in the D.C.

area. "You can tell your friends just to pull up front and there's somebody to take care of them. It's just a convenience factor." Package pickup is provided, too.

And condo dwellers don't need to check into the Four Seasons to secure bellhop-style aid, either. Business developer Frank Carzo, 29, a resident at Georgetown's 3303 Water Street complex, admits he hasn't found himself in a "man, I really need a doorman right now" situation. But he has noticed how the doormen at his building help residents with unwieldy bags of groceries and heavy luggage. "The doors are extremely heavy — we have these ridiculous flood doors because it's on Water Street," says Carzo. "So they'll pull their car up front." Suddenly getting unloaded and into the building is a breeze.

And sometimes, it's just nice to have an extra pair of hands.

Attorney Mary McKinney, 28, was initially drawn to the Metropole because of its Logan Circle location and the on-site Vida Fit-



Doorman Steven Donerson helps Park Potomac Place owners with cars and mail.

ness club. But when she walked into the building's sales center last April, she met Edwin Gonzales. He doesn't wear a formal uniform and doesn't hold open doors. But like Donerson, he'll be an assistant of sorts to the building's 90 residents when units deliver late this summer. Gonzales will act as a Guy Friday of sorts, doing everything from walking Metropolers' dogs to watering their houseplants.

McKinney, who bought a Metropole unit, will be among the new residents. She admits she doesn't really see herself as a person who'd rely on Gonzales heavily. Still, she can visualize hitting him up for help. "Just arranging daily services that I just never get out of the office at 7 to do," she says. "Like picking up dry cleaning or getting a pair of shoes repaired. Things like that are going to be made so much easier."

If she'd read about Gonzales on paper, she says it wouldn't have factored into her decision. But experiencing his affable personality first

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hand contributed to her choice to buy there.

And that's the point: Getting help with pesky tasks is one thing, but it's even better when the said "assistant" is upbeat and pleasant. "When they realize this person just won't be a warm body, but somebody who will make their lives easier, then it's important to them," explains Metropole sales manager Andrew Riguzzi.

Important, yes, but don't expect to see doormen outside every building in town anytime soon. Matthew Lasner, an assistant history professor at Georgia State University — who wrote his Harvard PhD. dissertation on the history of condos in the U.S. — says the gatekeeper trend is cyclical. When there's a condo boom, look for an increase in specialized services. "There were lots [of units sold] in the late '60s, early '70s, late '80s and again today," he says. The more peo-



When the Metropole opens in Logan Circle this summer, it will have a concierge.

ple buying, the more focus there is on finer details like doormen. He also believes that demographic and economic trends — empty-nester Baby Boomers wanting to downsize, more double-income couples who can afford pricier pads — usually mean an uptick in condo-service expectations.

Housing needs in the Washington area have evolved, too. "D.C. is certainly a much safer city than it was 20 or 30 years ago," says Lasner. "So in one sense, that need for human security may be less important to people. But I think that demand for the personal, individual service has grown. There

are also more people with money in Washington than there were a generation ago. We've gone from a city of civil servants and journalists to [one with] quite a robust private sector. Perhaps the doorman is another aspect of gentrification."

Will D.C. ever rival doorman mecca Manhattan? Not in numbers. While Riguzzi sees a rising demand for a certain level of service at condos in the District, smaller building sizes here will likely keep doormen from becoming too commonplace. In a city where no building can be taller than the Capitol, condos tend to be smaller than their New York counterparts, resulting in more costs (aka, higher condo fees) defrayed between fewer residents.

Whether a doorman is worth the extra bucks is something residents need to consider once they obtain majority control of their building. Initially, when a developer builds a condominium, amenities from rooftop swimming pools to a uni-

formed doormen are selected by the company. Yet when residents own a specified majority of the property, the condo association calls the shots, determining the budget and deciding if the doorman should be eliminated.

That didn't happen at 3303 Water Street, says Carzo, who thinks his fellow residents like the upscale image having one confers. And even though she doesn't move in until August, McKinney anticipates she'll vote to keep Gonzales.

When the majority shifts to the owners at Park Potomac, board of directors president Bruce Fonoroff doesn't think Donerson or his brother Haywood, with whom he splits his duties, should be worried.

"Many residents said, 'What do I really need that for? It's not something high on my priority list,'" he says. "But having lived here for a couple months, they've said, 'Wow! This is an amenity that's very nice.'" To borrow a favorite phrase of Donerson's: "Yes indeedy." KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

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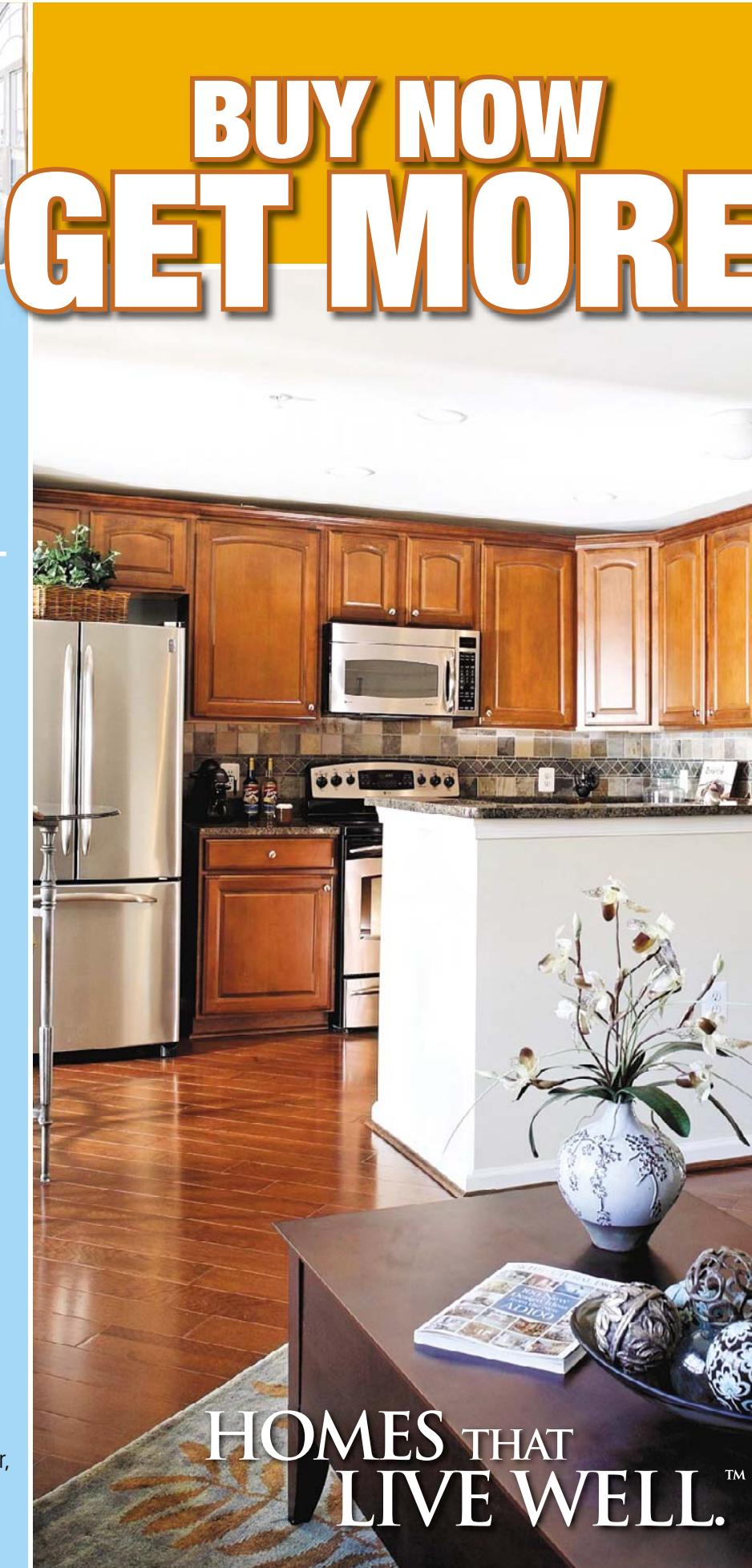
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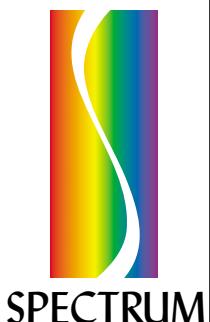
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Mark Malkoff lived in a New Jersey Ikea briefly while his pad was being renovated.

# At Ikea, an Inside Job

**A New York comic temporarily makes himself at home at the Swedish store**

Mark Malkoff is asleep in his affordable bedroom at 7 a.m. It is three hours before the Ikea store opens, and his glasses rest on the "Malm" bedside table. His producer, Brian Stankus, gently taps him on the shoulder. "Mark?" Stankus whispers. "You have a visitor."

Mark Malkoff lives in this Ikea. You may have heard his story — apartment being fumigated, filmmaker needs home for six days, Ikea says yes. You may have even been one of the million daily hits on his Web site.

In case you aren't, Malkoff, 31, is really excited to grant total access to the experiment.

It is not that he lacks privacy. It's that he repudiates it, denies that there is any cause for it to exist.

Is he genuine? Oh, you bet. But it's a sly sort of genuine, the kind that perhaps can't be bothered with what "real" means anymore. The kind that asks "Is it okay if I ...." before making the slightest move. Permission to brush my teeth now? I hope you're getting what you need for your story.

Living in an Ikea. It's funny, no? It's also the type of publicity stunt that was once a means to a bigger, more traditionally famous end — and has now become its own professional genre.

Malkoff is a Weblebrity, the guy who gained online status by being The Guy Who. He was the guy who visited all of Manhattan's 171 Starbucks outlets in 24 hours. The guy who got Broadway stars to ride a Ferris wheel with him. The guy who

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Mark Malkoff filmed many moments of his one-week stay at the Ikea in Paramus.

put together a Guns N' Roses tribute band composed entirely of children. Each of these endeavors has its own Web site, all linking back to the mother ship, [Markmalkoff.com](http://Markmalkoff.com).

"This is all real," he says earnestly, recounting how he ended up in the store. His apartment really was being fumigated. Hotels are expensive. Ikea was dubious at first, but once they got to know Malkoff — realized what G-rated videos he made and what a good, unpaid spokesman he'd be — they opened the doors.

The videos posted daily to the Web site? Real, too! "We sketch out some scenes," says Malkoff, "but the interactions are all real. We haven't faked anything."

Like right now in the editing room, two sleep-deprived guys piece together footage from the goldfish funeral Malkoff held a few days ago when his pet, Abraham, died. The guys are volunteers who know Malkoff from "The Colbert Report." They really did have the funeral. They really did hire a bagpipe player to play "Amazing Grace." The video captures, exactly, what a real Ikea goldfish funeral would look like. Or at least as far as you can guess. Because real Ikea goldfish funerals are an entirely fake construction. (That, and Abraham didn't die. When the team decided a funeral would be funny, they got a little piscine cadaver from Petco.)

Other videos have included Mark taking his wife, Christine — who stayed with friends for the week — on an Ikea date and Mark playing Nerf tag with the night security guard.

Malkoff wanders through the store with a Q-tip, left over from the shower, sticking out of his ear.

He greets all of the employees by name, cheerfully waves to customers, most of whom wave back. Finally a guy stops him and says, "Man, you got a Q-tip in your ear."

"Really?! Thanks. I was not aware of that." He leaves it in. Shtick? Hard to tell. He talks the way that lots of young people talk

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**MARTY MARSTON, IKEA EMPLOYEE**

now, carefully and with awareness, as if even the off-camera bits might be recorded for posterity.

When Malkoff is asked what his dream career would be, he gestures around to the store, to his cameraman. "This!" he says. His own production crew and enough of a budget to make more wacky content with glossy production values.

Video after video, Web hit after Web hit.

The guy who became the guy who became the guy who.

With that desire comes the tight-rope walk between Internet real and really real. The appeal of Malkoff is that he is "on" all the time: When visitors come to his Ikea pad, they see the same eager, goofy guy whose films they've been watching online. He needs to be what they expect. Is it okay if I take a nap now?

He's pleasant to be around, but boy, is he exhausting to watch.

"Mark is so genuine," says Marty Marston, the Ikea corporate employ

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**BAG BOY:** "Colbert Report" writer/comedian Mark Malkoff enjoys his week at Ikea.

### An Inside Man

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ee who okayed Malkoff's stay and stops by occasionally to check on her charge. "Just like the boy next door — a little nerdy, but so nice and genuine." A few minutes later, she says, with no sense of the contradiction, "But sometimes it's hard to tell when he's being real."

People come to visit Mark in Ikea because it makes sense to them. Not the older people; they come because they want a spectacle. But the Web gen visitors, they come because they wonder why they didn't think of this first.

They come bearing coffee and then hang out to chat. Pam Irwin, dressed all in black from a morning funeral (real, not goldfish), brings Malkoff a bag of tacos, thinking he might be tired of cafeteria food.

"I came to see the crazy Ikea guy," says Sally Drew, peering through Malkoff's paneless bedroom window. Inside, a stranger casually checks Malkoff's used bath towel for a price tag. "But now I see it's not crazy at all."

"I basically live in an Ikea anyway," says Tom Dawson, loitering around the living room. "I mean, my house isn't blue, but everything inside is Ikea."

A young woman repeatedly prompts her toddler to approach Malkoff. "Say, I'll clean your room for a piece of gum!" she instructs.

Malkoff thinks it's a great idea, but when the woman realizes no crew member is around to videotape it, she and her son wander away.

Malkoff is unfailingly enthusiastic to meet all of his guests, inviting them to visit his Web site, jump on his bed, send him e-mails — he'll answer every one.

At the beginning of the week, he was putting out two or three videos of filtered reality a day. But now it's nearly 2 p.m., and no filming has begun, mostly because in the five days he's been here, he's become too famous to do the antics that made him famous to begin with. He gave three phone interviews before breakfast. He took a call from Sally Jessy Raphael — he'd interned for her show when he was at NYU and is trying to get her to come visit him at the store.

At one point, Stankus, the producer, confides that he won't let Mark read any online commentary about the project, to keep the stress off the star.

He is already brainstorming his next project, to keep momentum going, before everyone forgets about Ikea: He might have a second bar mitzvah. (A hint of the ordinary boy he was, growing up in Hershey, Pa., with a financial planner dad and a real estate agent mom.) He might do something with Anne Geddes, the photographer. He might go on a quest to be awarded a key to the city.

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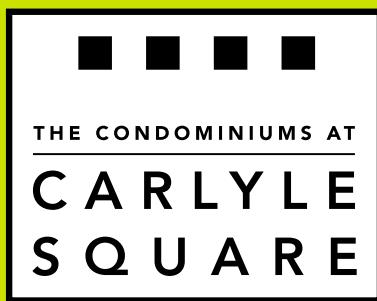
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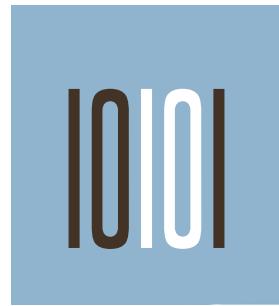
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